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### **Sierra Grant Supports Las Madrinas Guild – Children’s Hospital Central CA**

**Porterville, CA** —Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant in the amount of \$2,500 has been awarded to Las Madrinas Guild. The grant funds will support the Guilds Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment Endowment at Children’s Hospital. The Guilds Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment Center serves the community in a variety of ways including identifying and treating physical and sexual abuse, neglect, endangerment and other forms of maltreatment; promotes prevention through education and outreach; and works with Child Protective Services, law enforcement, public health agencies and community organizations. In its effort to protect children from harm, the center provides education, assessment and outreach to assist in supporting a safe and secure environment.

The Sierra Grant Program is designed to improve the quality of life for the families, especially the children, who reflect the diversity within Bank of the Sierra branch communities. The Sierra Grant Program is focused on three areas: community services, park preservation, and education. Anyone involved in a non-profit program that is interested in a Sierra Grant can pick up an instructional brochure at any Bank of the Sierra branch, or visit the bank web site at [www.bankofthesierra.com](http://www.bankofthesierra.com).

#### **About Bank of the Sierra**

With over \$1.3 billion in assets and strong performance ratios, Bank of the Sierra is the largest independently owned community bank headquartered in Southern San Joaquin Valley’s Heartland. The bank serves 17 different communities with 25 branches, two Ag Centers and one SBA Center. For more information visit the web site at [www.bankofthesierra.com](http://www.bankofthesierra.com) or call (888) 454-BANK.

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