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**Sierra Grant Awarded to the
Marjaree Mason Center, Inc.**

Porterville, CA —Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant in the amount of \$2,500 has been awarded to the Marjaree Mason Center, Inc (MMC). The grant funds will support the operation of the Emergency Shelter Program which will provide safe haven to more than 700 victims over the next year. Each year, Marjaree Mason Center serves more than 4,300 victims of domestic violence and their children, providing such services as food, clothing, shelter, counseling, safety planning, therapy, legal assistance, and crisis support.

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.

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 or call (888) 454-BANK.

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