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**\$2,500 Sierra Grant Supports
'Blanket Ladies'**

Porterville, CA — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant in the amount of \$2,500 has been awarded to Blanket Ladies. This organization is made up of 10 women who donate their time and skills to make blankets, stuffed bears and other items for local children in need. These items are then distributed to social service agencies throughout Tulare County, including Battered Women's Shelter and Visalia Rescue Mission. The Grant funds will be used to purchase the material needed for upcoming projects.

About The Sierra Grant Program

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 15 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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