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**\$2,500 Sierra Grant Awarded to
Break the Barriers, Inc.**

Porterville, CA — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to award a \$2,500 Sierra Grant to Break the Barriers, Inc. (BTB). This organization helps students become aware of the gifts and talents they have been given. BTB provides classes in martial arts, swimming, gymnastics, dance, court sports and outreach ability awareness and education demonstrations. Funds will be used for the “Ability Awareness Outreach & Education” (AAOE) program, which will help aid schools, churches and community organizations on the awareness of health and nutrition.

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.

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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