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**\$2,500 Sierra Grant Awarded to  
CASA of Kern County**

**Porterville, CA** — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a \$2,500 Sierra Grant has been awarded to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Kern County. CASA recruits, screens and trains volunteers in the community to work with children who have been neglected or abused and are now in the court system. The CASA advocate is the voice of the child during the court process. Funds awarded will be used toward the purchase of seven new computers that will be used by the CASA volunteers and staff.

**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](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 15 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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