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\$1,000 Sierra Grant Awarded to Golden Empire Gleaners, Inc.

Porterville, CA — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant in the amount of \$1,000 has been awarded to Golden Empire Gleaners, Inc. The purpose of this program is to provide food to needy children, senior citizens, families in crisis and people who are ill, disabled, homeless or unemployed. Funds awarded will go toward the program's goal: to feed over 200,000 residents in Kern County.

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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