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**MOVE International
Awarded \$1,500 Sierra Grant**

Porterville, CA — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant in the amount of \$1,500 has been awarded to MOVE (Mobility Opportunities Via Education) International. The MOVE program is offered in schools and care facilities throughout Kern County. The purpose of this program is to help children with severe motor disabilities acquire motor skills and independence. Funds will be used to revise and print the 9th edition MOVE Curriculum, which is used by special education teachers and therapy professionals to help children gain independence to sit, stand, walk and transition.

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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