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**Local Bank Supports Porterville Life Skills Center
Through \$1,000 Grant**

Porterville, CA — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant in the amount of \$1,000 has been awarded to Porterville Life Skills Center. The center provides educational tools that help individuals learn the skills needed to rebuild their lives and improve their self-image. Funds will be used to support scholarship programs designed to educate and equip people with life changing skills, specifically for those who have suffered different kinds of abuse and struggles.

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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