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Sierra Grant Awarded to San Joaquin Community Hospital

Porterville, CA —Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant in the amount of \$3,000 has been awarded to San Joaquin Community Hospital (SJCH). The grant funds will be used to provide “Snoedels” to infants in the SJCH Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The “Snoedel” is a sleeping and bonding aid for babies to ease separation anxiety and continue the parent-to-baby bonding process. “Snoedels” are designed specifically to absorb and retain a mother’s (or father’s) scent and offers a way for them to bond with their infant while the infant remains in the hospital.

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 17 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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