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**Sierra Grant Awarded to the
Visalia Emergency Aid Council**

Porterville, CA —Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant in the amount of \$2,500 has been awarded to the Visalia Emergency Aid Council (VEAC). The grant funds will support the 7th Annual “Race against Hunger”. VEAC provides needy children and their families a holiday meal on Thanksgiving Eve, as well as Christmas Eve, along with an age appropriate toy, jacket and blanket. Throughout the year VEAC provides basic necessities such as food, clothing, shelter, household furnishings, vision and dental assistance, financial literacy education and money management to over 14,000 families.

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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