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**First Northern Donates \$447 to the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet**  
**Proceeds from the Bank's Centennial Cookbook Netted \$10,000 for 5 Area Food Banks**

**Dixon, California** – First Northern Bank (FNRN.OB) is wrapping up its 100<sup>th</sup> year in business by donating \$10,000 in cookbook sales to area food banks. The Auburn Interfaith Food Closet received a \$447.50 donation on December 14, the proceeds that First Northern generated from cookbook sales in Auburn.



Sandy Bassett, President, Board of the Directors of the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet (right), accepted a \$447 donation December 14 from First Northern Bank Vice President Juanita Holmes

All year long, Bank employees sold a commemorative cookbook, "100 Years and Still Cooking!". The \$10 cookbook is a collection of favorite family recipes from First Northern Bank employees, directors and shareholders. Every dollar earned from selling the cookbook is going to help feed hungry children, adults and seniors in need.

The Auburn Interfaith Food Closet provides nine balanced meals per recipient; local families or individuals may request assistance once every 30 days. "Donations were down \$35,000 through September of this year, and the number of clients is up," says Sandy Bassett, President of the Board of Directors for the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet. "In 2009, we served an average of 893 households a month. Last month we set a new record by serving 1,046 families – our highest number yet."

In 2009, 14.7% of U.S. households were "food insecure," meaning that at some time during the year, they had difficulty providing enough food for everyone. This figure remained virtually unchanged from 14.6% in 2008,

according to U.S. government statistics. In Placer County, 41.3% of adults live in food insecure households, according to 2010 data from California Food Policy Advocates.

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First Northern Bank has a long tradition of giving back to the communities it serves. Over the past five years, Bank employees have volunteered more than 26,570 hours of their time for community service, providing the equivalent of nearly 13 full-time staff people to nonprofits.

A few cookbooks remain available for purchase at the Bank.

### **About the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet**

The Auburn Interfaith Food Closet, Inc. was incorporated in November 1998. Currently, 18 sponsoring churches collaborate to operate the non-profit Food Closet. The Food Closet provides nine meals per recipient; local families or individuals may request assistance once every 30 days. The food provided meets the USDA daily nutrition requirements for each person in the family.

The value of food provided to the average household of three is \$35, for which the Food Closet spends about \$15 to supplement the food that is donated. More information is available on their Website, [www.auburnfoodcloset.com](http://www.auburnfoodcloset.com). Donations of any amount or form are welcome.

### **About First Northern Bank**

First Northern Bank, an independent community bank headquartered in Solano County since 1910, serves Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, Placer and the west slope of El Dorado County. First Northern has 11 branches located in Dixon, Davis, West Sacramento, Fairfield, Vacaville (2), Winters, Woodland, Downtown Sacramento, Roseville, and Auburn, and has a full service Trust Department in Sacramento. First Northern Bank also offers 24/7 real estate mortgage loans, SBA loans, and non-FDIC insured Investment and Brokerage Services at each branch location. Real Estate Mortgage Loan offices are located in Davis, Roseville and Folsom, and real estate loan representatives are available to meet customers at any of the Bank's branches by appointment. The Bank specializes in relationship banking and employs experts in the area of small business, commercial, agribusiness, and real estate lending, as well as wealth management. February 1, 2010, marked First Northern Bank's centennial milestone, it's first 100 years of serving the community. The Bank can be found on the Web at [www.thatsmybank.com](http://www.thatsmybank.com).

### ***Forward-Looking Statements***

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