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**First Northern Donates \$4,787 to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano  
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 Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano received a \$4,787 donation on December 15, the proceeds that First Northern generated from cookbook sales in Solano County.



Gwyn Runnels, Vice President of First Northern Bank (left), and Marilu Boucher, Development Director of Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, display the latest food donations. To request a barrel in your location, call 1-800-870-FOOD.

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.

Last year, the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano distributed 3.5 million pounds of food in Solano County alone, reaching 43,000 people a month. "We've seen a 30% increase in need in the past few years. And, some of our donors are now clients," says Marilu Boucher, Development Director for the Food Bank. "Due to the generosity of the community, we're keeping up with the demand."

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 Solano County, 33.8% of adults live in food insecure households, according to 2010 data from California Food Policy Advocates.

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 Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano**

The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano has been serving the community for 35 years. The Food Bank provides food to more than 132,000 hungry people in need every month through direct service programs and a network of 180 charitable agencies. Last year, 12.6 million pounds of food was distributed, including 3.5 million pounds of produce. Of the clients served, 86.5% had an income below 130% of the federal poverty level; 28% of the people receiving emergency food are children. For each \$1 donated, 95¢ goes directly to food programs. More information is available at [www.foodbankccs.org](http://www.foodbankccs.org).

### **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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