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**First Northern Donates \$4,240 to the Food Bank of Yolo County**  
**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 Yolo County received a \$4,240 donation on December 17, the proceeds that First Northern generated from cookbook sales in Yolo County.



Executive Director José Martínez accepts a donation from First Northern Bank Vice President Ute Turner in the kitchen of the Food Bank of Yolo County. Installed this year in the staff lunch room, the kitchen is used to teach clients how to cook healthy meals. Next month, the Food Bank will hold a grand opening for its new retail grocery store, Quick & Fresh Market, the first WIC-authorized store in California. Turner served on the Board of Directors for the Food Bank for six years.

All year long, Bank employees sold a commemorative cookbook, called *100 Years and Still Cooking!* The \$10 cookbook is a collection of 100 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 Food Bank of Yolo County distributes 3 million pounds of food a year, feeding as many as 20,000 people each month. “We feel fortunate that monetary donations have been flat this year – in this economy, flat is good,” explains Executive Director José Martínez. “Over the past few years, food donations were down 33%, but this year, we’re seeing an increase, thanks to people who care about others in their community.”

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 Yolo

County, 31.6% 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 Yolo County**

For the past 40 years, the Food Bank of Yolo County has proudly worked to effectively meet the food and hunger needs of thousands of residents in need. Founded in 1970, the Food Bank has grown from a backyard gleaning program, providing a few thousand pounds of food a year, to an organization that distributes millions of pounds of food annually. Through programs, publications and outreach events, the Food Bank regularly demonstrates its commitment to promoting nutrition and healthy living throughout Yolo County. More information about the Food Bank, including cooking classes, is available at <http://www.foodbankyc.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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