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First Northern Donates \$387 to Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services
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 100th year in business by donating \$10,000 in cookbook sales to area food banks. Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services received a \$387 donation on December 21, the proceeds generated from cookbook sales at First Northern's Sacramento Branch.

All year long, Bank employees sold a commemorative cookbook, called *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.



Blake Young, President/CEO of the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services, led First Northern Bank Vice President Ute Turner through hallways filled with art. SFBFS has found that women overcoming difficult situations heal through art. Their Women's Wisdom Art program, founded in 1980, provides a nurturing environment for women of all backgrounds and walks of life. Supplies are provided, and all women who wish to participate are welcome.

Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services is a lean and efficient grassroots organization that provides food and educational services to 1,000 people a day; 60% of its donations come from individual and corporate donations and gifts. The nonprofit organization has seen a 30% increase in need over the past 24 months.

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 Sacramento County, 40.1% 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 Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services

Founded in 1976, Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services serves families and individuals in need. Over time, SFBFS expanded to meet growing needs and now offers eight diverse programs at two facilities in Sacramento. A staff of 40 employees and several thousand volunteers accomplish SFBFS' mission of assisting those in need by alleviating their immediate pain and problems and by moving them toward self-sufficiency and financial independence. Additional information about SFBFS is available online at www.sacramentofoodbank.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.

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