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**TRI COUNTIES BANK TO AWARD \$10,000 TO THE SACRAMENTO FOOD BANK AND FAMILY SERVICES IN COMMEMORATION OF 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

*This event is open to the press on Thursday, October 1, at 9:30 am. at the Sacramento Food Bank offices at 3308 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Downtown Sacramento. A tour of the organization includes the building under renovation at 3333 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue which will house their Clothing and Parent Education Centers.*

**CHICO, CALIF – SEPTEMBER 29, 2015** – Tri Counties Bank continues a year-long celebration of its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a \$10,000 award presentation to The Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services.

“We’re proud of our success over the past 40 years and this success has allowed us to reinvest in our communities,” said Rick Smith, President & CEO. “Giving back is one of the cornerstones of why we exist.”

Earlier this year the bank kicked off its anniversary festivities by awarding \$1,000 to 40 non-profit organizations throughout its footprint in California.

To choose the top 40 recipients, Tri Counties Bank employees took part in a voting process among all non-profits historically supported by the bank throughout Northern and Central California. The 40 selected non-profits were then considered for the master grant of \$40,000. Four non-profits whose missions closely aligned with that of the bank were selected as finalists.

The \$40,000 master grant was awarded to Habitat for Humanity of Butte County to assist in a build site on East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Chico. The three runners-up were the United Way of Northern California based in Redding, VECTORS in Chico and The Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services. Each of these organizations are being presented with \$10,000 each.

From a single bank on a tree-lined street in Chico in 1975, Tri Counties Bank has grown to serve communities from Bakersfield to the Oregon Border, from the Sierra Nevada to the wild north coast, with assets of nearly \$4 billion.

**About TriCo Bancshares**

Established in 1975, Tri Counties Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of TriCo Bancshares (NASDAQ: TCBK) headquartered in Chico, California, providing a unique brand of customer Service with Solutions available in traditional stand-alone and in-store bank branches in communities throughout Northern and Central California. Tri Counties Bank provides an extensive and competitive breadth of consumer, small business and commercial banking financial services, along with convenient around-the-clock ATM, online and mobile banking access. Brokerage services are provided by the Bank’s investment services through affiliation with Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. Visit [www.TriCountiesBank.com](http://www.TriCountiesBank.com) to learn more.