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### **Summit State Bank “Shopped for COTS,” Providing Needed Items for the County’s Largest Shelterless Resource**

**Santa Rosa, CA** – (December 20, 2013) – Summit State Bank has been proud to support Committee on the Shelterless (COTS) through our first “Shop for COTS” day, providing needed items for the County’s most effective resource for shelterless individuals and families.

On December 18<sup>th</sup>, the Summit team grabbed their kids, shopping carts and the COTS wish-list of items to provide more than \$500 worth of home goods, toiletries and canned food to the Petaluma-based nonprofit. Summit volunteers then delivered a microwave, shower curtains, bath towels, a set of pots and pans, sheets, pillows, toiletries and a variety of canned goods to the COTS team.

“We are grateful for the support of community partners like Summit State Bank who recognize the critical needs in our community and are generous with their time and dollars,” said Mike Johnson, Chief Executive Officer of COTS. “The holidays are a particularly challenging time for homeless children and adults, making the outreach from the Summit team even more meaningful.”

“We encourage everyone to create their own Shop for COTS day. It’s a fun and rewarding way to bring your team together, demonstrate philanthropy with your family and in our community, and to give back to those less fortunate,” said Tom Duryea, president and CEO of Summit State Bank.

For others that would like to “Shop for COTS” like Summit, please visit <http://www.cots-homeless.org> today.

#### **About COTS**

Founded in 1988, COTS has helped thousands of people rebuild their lives and get back under a roof of their own. The organization provides a nurturing, well-structured program for homeless adults and families from Petaluma and surrounding Sonoma County and has been recognized nationally for its innovative and cost-effective approach to helping people in need. In addition to offering nearly 350 beds per night, the COTS Petaluma Kitchen serves more than 127,000 meals a year and delivers over 800,000 pounds of food annually. COTS is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization. For more information, visit [www.cots-homeless.org](http://www.cots-homeless.org).

#### **About Summit State Bank**

Summit State Bank has total assets of \$459 million and total equity of \$61 million at September 30, 2013. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank provides diverse financial products and services throughout Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, and Marin Counties. Summit has been recognized as one of the Top 75 Corporate Philanthropists in the Bay Area by the San Francisco Business Times. In addition, Summit State Bank received the 2013 Rising Star Award from the

California Independent Bankers, the 2012 Community Bank Award from the American Bankers Association for its nonprofit work, and has been recognized as one of the North Bay's Best Places to Work by the North Bay Business Journal. Summit has also been consistently recognized as a high performing bank by Findley Reports. Summit State Bank's stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol SSBI. Further information can be found at [www.summitstatebank.com](http://www.summitstatebank.com).

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