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Summit State Bank Donates \$43,500 Locally through Summit's Nonprofit Partner Program

Santa Rosa, CA – (February 28, 2012) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) donated more than \$43,500 this month to 74 local nonprofits through Summit's Nonprofit Partner Program.

“Our Nonprofit Partner Program gives an automatic cash donation to our nonprofit customers based on their average annual account balances. This donation is in addition to other donations, sponsorships and volunteering we provide during the year. This is just one way we can show our appreciation for the difference nonprofits make in our community,” says Tom Duryea, President and CEO of Summit State Bank.

Some of the larger recipients include the Community Child Care Council, Healthcare Foundation Northern Sonoma County, Community Foundation Sonoma County, PEP Housing, Bauman College Institute for Educational Therapy, Alliance Medical Center, North Sonoma County Healthcare District, Valley of the Moon Children's Foundation, and the Redwood Empire Boy Scouts.

“Our relationship with Summit State Bank has exceeded our expectations. They have been a terrific partner to 4Cs by always meeting the banking needs of our organization, providing outstanding customer service and enthusiastically supporting our outreach events. Summit's Non-Profit Partner Program has been a tremendous value to the children and families we serve while giving us increased funding and flexibility to serve the community,” says Maya Labourdette, Finance Director of Community Child Care Council (4Cs).

Summit State Bank has total assets of \$388 million and total equity of \$61 million at December 31, 2011. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank provides diverse financial products and services throughout Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, and Marin Counties. Summit State Bank is a Premier Performing Bank, earning the highest Findley Reports designation of all Sonoma County-based banks. Summit State Bank received the 2012 Community Bank Award from the American Bankers Association, the Gold Medal award for Best Business Bank from the Northbay Biz Magazine and has also been recognized as one of the North Bay's Best Places to Work by the North Bay Business Journal. 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.

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