

**Press Release:**

Title: **SUMMIT STATE BANK SEEDS ENDOWMENT FOR HEALDSBURG EDUCATION FOUNDATION**  
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May 27, 2010 - Summit State Bank has announced a new partnership with the Healdsburg Education Foundation (HEF) as part of the bank's **Nonprofit Partnership Program**. Recognizing that a strong collaborative effort between our local schools and our business community is vital to the health and future of Healdsburg, Summit State Bank is seeding a new endowment fund for K-12 Education in Healdsburg through HEF with a donation of \$5,000 per year over the next five years, for a total of \$25,000.

The bank's gift to HEF, coincides with the education foundation's 25th year of operation. During its tenure, HEF has raised over \$3 million for the Healdsburg public schools. The new **HEF K-12 Endowment Fund**, with additional investments and time, will deliver a permanent and stable source of funding for K-12 public schools in Healdsburg. "Twenty-five years is a significant milestone," said Pamela Swan, HEF's executive director. "We are truly excited to envision a future where we can offer a steady stream of significant support to our local public schools. The truth is that traditional funding methods for schools are simply not sufficient to prepare our children to take their place in the world they will be entering beyond high school."

Summit State Bank developed its community partnership program as a way to facilitate financial contributions among its banking partners. In addition, Bank employees actively participate in a variety of nonprofit organizations throughout the community. Thomas Duryea, President of Summit State Bank, which continued their financial support of nonprofit organizations through recent economic downturns, is passionate about delivering outstanding customer service and personalized attention. Supporting local nonprofit organizations is an important part of that commitment.

"We are thrilled to receive this vote of confidence from an organization that shares our vision of ensuring the best education for our children now and far into the future," said Gina Fontana, HEF Board President. "We are very fortunate to have such business members, educators, parents and other donors so willing to step up and take action to support this great Healdsburg community," said Fontana.

**For more information on how to support the Endowment program and our local public schools, please contact Director, Pamela Swan, 433-1223 or [pswan@hefschools.com](mailto:pswan@hefschools.com). For more information on Summit State Bank's Nonprofit Partnership Program, contact: Elaina Hunt, 568-4937 or [ehunt@summitstatebank.com](mailto:ehunt@summitstatebank.com).**