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ANB Skillman Banking Center Now Open

Bank donates \$1,500 to Guns and Hoses, Garland BEST and Garland Cultural Arts Commission

Dallas, Texas (July 25, 2008) – American National Bank of Texas (ANB), one of the oldest and largest community banks in Texas, donated \$1,500 to local organizations during the grand opening of its new Skillman Banking Center at 9696 Skillman Street yesterday.

“Skillman will be a key location for American National Bank of Texas, serving East Dallas and Garland,” said Joe Don Martin Skillman Banking Center president at the opening event July 17. “We look forward to better serving our customers in this area from this new banking center and becoming a vital part of this community.”

In honor of the grand opening, the bank held a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception July 17 and presented checks totaling \$1,500 to local charities and non-profit organizations. During the ceremony, Baker presented framed historical photos to selected organizations and checks to the following:

- \$500 to Kris Hostrup with Guns and Hoses, an organization that raises funds to benefit the youth of our community, to provide monetary support to families of fallen fire and police officers.
- \$500 to Patty Granville with Garland BEST. The BEST Education Foundation supports educational excellence by providing funds for enrichment programs not otherwise funded by Garland ISD
- \$500 to Keith Reimer with the Garland Cultural Arts Commission, which acts as a liaison to the City in working with all community based arts and historic organizations.

“Giving back to our communities is a long-standing tradition at ANB,” Martin said. “We intend our presence here to have a positive impact on the growth and prosperity of the community, and we have an exceptionally skilled staff in place to make that happen.”

The Skillman center has 11,000 square feet, of which 6,500 square feet is dedicated to the lobby and offices. The remainder of the space is to be used as a new training facility for ANB. Of particular visual interest are the framed photographs prominently displayed throughout the center depicting scenes of historic Garland. ANB traditionally locates and reproduces colorized versions of historic photos for each area in which it opens a new center.

About American National Bank of Texas

American National Bank of Texas, founded in 1875 in Terrell, is one of the oldest and largest independently owned banks in the state. With assets exceeding \$1.85 billion, the bank has 36 banking locations throughout North Texas serving Collin, Dallas, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Rockwall, Tarrant and Van Zandt Counties. ANB provides individual and corporate trust, investment and estate planning services through its Wealth Management Group as well as personal and commercial insurance and risk management services through SleeperSewell Insurance Services, Inc. Visit American National Bank on the Web at www.anbt.com.

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PHOTO CUTLINE (PHOTO ATTACHED)**

Cutting the ribbon at American National Bank of Texas' new Skillman location is:

Front Row:(l-r) Veronica Malian, Tammy Hoggatt, Jamie Ladnier, Jessica Jimenez, Dianne Olson, Joe Don Martin, Jackie Feagin, Ellen Hairston, Don Green

Second Row:(l-r) Al Fields, Karina Olivares, Sherry Williamson, James Roland, Robert Hulseley, Paul Mayer

Back Row:(l-r) Riter Hulseley, Bentley Ferrell

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