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More Than 110 North Bay Nonprofit Leaders Gather for Annual Summit State Bank Event

Santa Rosa, CA – July 24, 2026 - More than 110 nonprofit leaders representing over 60 organizations from across the North Bay gathered on July 16 for Summit State Bank's annual North Bay Nonprofit Event (NBNE), a half-day forum focused on education, collaboration, and strengthening the nonprofit community.

The event featured Linda Jacobs, CEO of the Center for Volunteer & Nonprofit Leadership (CVNL), who shared insights into the current state of the nonprofit sector, followed by a panel discussion with leaders from Healthcare Foundation Northern Sonoma County, Community Matters, and Food For Thought. The keynote presentation was delivered by internationally recognized nonprofit expert and author Darian Rodriguez Heyman, who explored the responsible use of artificial intelligence to help nonprofits expand their impact. The event concluded with a donation giveaway where five nonprofits were each awarded a $1,000 donation.

"Supporting nonprofits extends beyond banking," said Brian Reed, President and CEO of Summit State Bank. "Our goal is to provide a free resource where nonprofit leaders from across the North Bay can connect, collaborate, and share ideas that benefit the entire community."

NBNE is an extension of Summit State Bank's longstanding commitment to the nonprofit community. Through its Nonprofit Partner Program, the Bank provides annual financial contributions to participating nonprofit organizations based on their banking relationship, helping support organizations that make a lasting impact throughout the North Bay.

About Summit State Bank

Founded in 1982 and headquartered in Sonoma County, Summit State Bank is an award-winning community bank serving the North Bay. The Bank serves small businesses, nonprofits, and the community, with total assets of $996 million and total equity of $103 million as of March 31, 2026. The Bank has built its reputation over the past 40 years by specializing in providing exceptional customer service and customized financial solutions to aid in the success of its customers.

Summit State Bank is committed to embracing the diverse backgrounds, cultures and talents of its employees to create high performance and support the evolving needs of its customers and community it serves. Through the engagement of its team, Summit State Bank has received many esteemed awards including: Top Performing Community Bank by American Banker, Best Places to Work in the North Bay and Diversity in Business by North Bay Business Journal, Corporate Philanthropy Award by the San Francisco Business Times, and Hall of Fame by North Bay Biz Magazine. 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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