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American National Bank's giving is strong

In its commitment to giving back to the communities it serves, American National Bank today announced its contributions and employee volunteer hours for 2009. In total, 37 banking centers supported more than 550 organizations across Colorado and Wyoming last year.

The bank's community sponsorships and donations totaled more than \$865,000. In addition, bank employees dedicated more than 3,300 combined volunteer hours.

“American National Bank not only serves these many communities, but it's where we all live and work. Every banking center is committed to making its community a better place to live,” said Judy Zezula, senior vice president, marketing. “We contribute philanthropically to a variety of charitable causes, support community events, and connect our employees in volunteer efforts for nonprofit organizations.” Like most businesses, ANB has seen some affects from the economic downturn, but Zezula says the bank “has remained strong and still believes in giving back to the community. We've definitely had to cut back on some of our giving, but we are proud to still support so many deserving causes and events in our communities.”

In addition, Donald and Susan Sturm, owners of American National Bank, founded The Sturm Family Foundation to support many philanthropic initiatives, with a focus on affordable housing opportunities for low-income families and educational opportunities for children. The foundation also helps further higher education opportunities, as well as philanthropic efforts in many of the communities American National Bank operates. In 2009, The Sturm Family Foundation matched \$176,221 in American National Bank community sponsorships and donations.

Locally, American National Bank and The Sturm Family Foundation supported more than 200 organizations and activities in Western Colorado during 2009.

For a full list of the organizations that American National Bank and The Sturm Family Foundation helped in 2009, please visit our website, anbbank.com and click on the Press Room.

The bank is a member of the Sturm Financial Group, consisting of 42 community banks located in Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and Missouri. The Sturm Financial Group maintains financial strength embodied in approximately \$2 billion in assets.