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Vail Valley Banking Centers and the Sturm Family Foundation team up with The Youth Foundation to build a stronger community.

Committed to investing in the communities they serve, American National Bank locations in Eagle County, along with the Sturm Family Foundation will donate \$12,000 to The Youth Foundation Friday, March 18, 2005. The presentation will finalize the week long Grand Opening Celebration of the new Avon Banking Center located at 71 Beaver Creek Place.

The Youth Foundation provides a multitude of programs to improve educational opportunities for children from low-to-moderate income households. The mission of The Youth Foundation is to provide the children and families of Lake and Eagle Counties with immediate and easily accessible educational and self-enhancement programs. To accomplish this goal, the Board of The Youth Foundation focuses on literacy, technology, recreation and scholarship.

Susie Davis, Development Director of The Youth Foundation comments, "The Youth Foundation, Formed in 1997, touches more children's lives than any other non-profit youth service organization in Eagle County. The principal goal of the Foundation is to provide and support programs that serve the economically disadvantaged youth from pre-school through college. This goal is consistent with the corporate values of American National Bank in their willingness to help the communities they serve."

“Since 2002, American National Bank, together with its owners, Don and Susan Sturm through the Sturm Family Foundation, have donated \$29,000 to The Youth Foundation to help provide children and their families with opportunities that promote education, health and civic values. We are fortunate to have the Youth Foundation in Eagle County and proud to be a valuable contributor of the Foundation’s success. More important, American National Bank is proud to contribute to the success of the children and their families that make Eagle County a great place to live, work and play!” says Tim Lybarger, American National Bank Mountain Region President.

While the American National Bank location in Avon is new, the banking philosophy of “People You Know . . . People You Trust” is still the foundation for serving customers. Avon Market President, Drew Dodd explains, “American National Bank is a large, independently owned, community bank. Our customers will continue to experience the highest level of service from our skilled employees while providing a full array of banking services. We are pleased to offer them another convenient banking location as they live, work or travel throughout the Vail Valley/I-70 Corridor and are committed to helping the community grow and prosper.”

American National Bank is headquartered in Denver, Colorado with over \$1.6 Billion in assets and is a member of the Sturm Financial Group.

The Western Colorado Region of American National Bank currently operates sixteen locations, in Grand Junction, Clifton, Fruita, Telluride, Mountain Village, Rifle, Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, Aspen, Eagle, Edwards and Avon. Nine more banking centers are located along the front range of Colorado in Metro Denver and Colorado Springs and eight banking centers are located throughout Wyoming, in Cheyenne, Laramie, Casper, Buffalo, Gillette and Worland.

**Please join us for our Grand Opening Celebration
Friday, March 18, 2005
6:00pm**

**71 Beaver Creek Place
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