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**City National Bank Awards 31 Literacy Grants
for More Than \$31,000 to Orange County Educators**

Grant program launched first in OC in celebration of bank's 30th anniversary in the county

IRVINE, Calif. – City National Bank, California's Premier Private and Business Bank®, today announced that it has awarded more than \$31,000 in literacy grants to 31 educators in Orange County, where the bank is celebrating its 30th anniversary. The grants will support literacy-based projects at elementary, middle and high schools.

The grant awards, which range from about \$700 to \$1000, have been awarded to educators who plan to use the money to augment or expand literacy projects that were judged to be creative and engaging, and will have a tangible affect on student achievement. In all, the 31 educators who were selected represent 24 schools and their estimations project to improve the literacy of nearly 5,000 students. The grants are administered through City National's Reading Is The Way Up® program.

“City National is committed to Orange County and its educators,” said Joe McHugh, senior vice president and regional banking manager, “Besides the fact that giving to educators is a worthwhile investment in the future, we believe the outlook for Orange County is extremely promising and we're putting forth resources locally through Reading Is The Way Up and through our branch expansion to help contribute to the region's growth.”

Grant applications were sent to 513 public schools in Orange County in June and drew responses from more than 130 full-time teachers, librarians, administrators and school media specialists at Orange County K-12 schools. The recipients represent elementary, middle and high schools from San Clemente to Santa Ana. In two cases – Thomas Edison Elementary in Anaheim and Santiago Charter Middle School in Orange – \$2,000 grants were made to the school to support schoolwide literacy programs for projects proposed by several teachers at the school.

(See attached form for complete list grant recipients.)

This is the first time City National has solicited grant applications. The grant program will be rolled out statewide next year in cities and communities where City National Bank is located. The bank initiated the program first in Orange County to celebrate its 30th anniversary year in the county, and to support its growing commitment there.

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City National opened three branches this year in Orange County – in Newport Beach, Anaheim and at the Irvine Spectrum – and can now meet its clients’ personal and business banking needs from seven local offices. In addition to a full-service regional center in Irvine (near John Wayne Airport), City National operates branches in Anaheim, Irvine, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Newport Beach and a north Orange County commercial banking center in La Palma.

The bank opened its first office in Newport Beach in 1975. Its second Orange County office, which opened in March 1976 in Newport’s Lido Village, featured a sail-up teller window.

About City National

City National Corporation is a financial services company with \$14.4 billion in total assets. Its wholly owned subsidiary, City National Bank provides banking, investment, and trust services through 55 offices, including 12 full-service regional centers, in Southern California, the San Francisco Bay Area and New York City.

City National is ranked among America’s top companies in *Forbes* magazine’s “Super 500” list. It also is one of the nation’s top wealth managers, according to *Barron’s* magazine. The company and its affiliates manage or administer approximately \$38.8 billion in client trust and investment assets, including more than \$18.4 billion under direct management.

For more information about City National, visit the company’s Website at cnb.com.

About Reading Is The Way Up[®]

Seeking to better the education of California’s future leaders, City National in April 2002 launched a multi-faceted initiative to restock the state’s school library system. Since then, the bank has:

- Donated more than 15,000 books to California public school libraries
- Contributed \$1.2 million to support education, including an initial contribution of \$100,000 to buy about 5,000 books for public school libraries through a program set up by the Governor’s Book Fund and the California State Library Foundation
- Supported colleagues through its “Volunteer Reading Program” who have donated hundreds of hours reading to schoolchildren in classrooms

The bank also has created the Reading Is The Way Up Fund, a 501(c)(3) administered by the California Community Foundation, as a funding resource to purchase books for school libraries in California. For more information, visit www.readingisthewayup.org.

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Awardee	School	Address	City	District	Principal	Amount
Roger D. Nguyen	Gauer Elementary	810 N. Gilber	Anaheim	Anaheim City	Terri A. Hart	\$985.00
Nancy Love	Loara Elementary	1601 W. Broadway	Anaheim	Anaheim City	Julianne Hoefler	1,000.00
Theresa O'Brien - Librarian	Loara Elementary	1601 W. Broadway	Anaheim	Anaheim City	Julianne Hoefler	1,000.00
Angelica Saucedo - Librarian	Thomas Edison	1526 E. Romneya Dr.	Anaheim	Anaheim City	Eric Hallman	1,000.00
To school to support schoolwide program	Thomas Edison	1526 E. Romneya Dr.	Anaheim	Anaheim City	Eric Hallman	2,000.00
Kathy Morales	Las Palmas Elementary	1101 Calle Puente	San Clemente	Capistrano	Doug R. Kramer	995.00
Karoline Kay Barker	Marco Forster Middle	25601 Camino Del Avion	San Juan Capistrano	Capistrano	Carrie Bertini	100.00
Staci Lee Smith	Viejo Elementary	26782 Via Grande	Mission Viejo	Capistrano	Donald Mahoney	1,000.00
Georgianna L. Hall	Clara J. King Elementary	8710 Moody St.	Cypress	Cypress	Jeannette Lohrman	1,000.00
John N. Baker	La Habra High	801 W. Highlander Ave.	La Habra	Fullerton	Jennifer Leeman	1,000.00
Anne Marguand - Librarian	Bonita Canyon Elementary	1 Sundance	Irvine	Irvine	Dr. Robin Beacham	1,000.00
Angelea Torres	Walnut Elementary	625 N. Walnut St.	La Habra	La Habra City	Michael Klewer	1,000.00
Lillian A. Jones - Librarian	Laguna Beach High	625 Park Ave.	Laguna Beach	Laguna Beach	Nancy Blade	1,000.00
Kathleen Ann Chammings	Robert M. Pyles Middle	10411 Dale Ave.	Stanton	Magnolia	Rick Johnson	797.61
Connie Rhead Martin	Schweitzer Elementary	229 D. Dale	Anaheim	Magnolia	Jeanne Duffy	948.00
Christina Lyn Del Real	California Elementary	3232 California Ave.	Costa Mesa	Newport-Mesa	Kelli Smith	990.65
Valerie R. Braun	Pomona Elementary	2051 Pamona Ave.	Costa Mesa	Newport-Mesa	Janis King	1,000.00
Anne Theresa Martel-Cody	Fairhaven Elementary	1415 E. Fairhaven St.	Santa Ana	Orange	Elena Stoces	994.12
Lizette Ann Kruhin-Sweaza	Fairhaven Elementary	1415 E. Fairhaven St.	Santa Ana	Orange	Elena Stoces	994.49
Krista Murphy	Handy Elementary	860 N. Handy	Orange	Orange	Sandy Schaffer	705.76
Shannon Brown	Handy Elementary	860 N. Handy	Orange	Orange	Sandy Schaffer	916.95
Catherine Ries Hunsberger	Santiago Charter Middle	515 N. Rancho Santiago	Orange	Orange	Mary Henry	1,000.00

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To school to support schoolwide program	Santiago Charter Middle	515 N. Rancho Santiago Blvd.	Orange	Orange	Mary Henry	2,000.00
Dorrie A. Staack	Ruby Drive Elementary	601 Ruby Drive	Placentia	Placentia-Yorba Linda	Dorrie A. Staac	1,000.00
Belinda Noriega	John F. Kennedy Elementary	1300 McFadden St.	Santa Ana	Santa Ana	Felix Mendoza Jr.	1,000.00
Melissa Victoria Ramirez	John F. Kennedy Elementary	1300 McFadden St.	Santa Ana	Santa Ana	Felix Mendoza Jr.	1,000.00
Heather Wright Leal	Lathrop Technology Magnet Middle	1111 S. Broadway Ave.	Santa Ana	Santa Ana	Lucinda Clear	895.00
Jill Louise Skellie	Pio Pico Elementary	931 W. Highland	Santa Ana	Santa Ana	Judith Magasaysay	1,000.00
LaRoyce J. Kincaid	Santa Ana High	520 West Walnut Street	Santa Ana	Santa Ana	Dan Salcedo	1,000.00
Annie Kensinger	Taft Elementary	500 W. Keller Ave.	Santa Ana	Santa Ana	Steven T. Longacre	967.79
Eileen H. Maeda - Music	Taft Elementary	500 W. Keller Ave.	Santa Ana	Santa Ana	Steven T. Longacre	1,000.00
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