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American National Bank Receives March of Dimes’ Colorado 2008 Corporate Partner of the Year Award

Denver, CO – Each year the March of Dimes organization recognizes their most valued partners and supporters. American National Bank (ANB) the Sturm Family Foundation’s (SFF) generous support of the March of Dimes’ mission, earned them a special award as the Colorado 2008 Corporate Partner of the Year. The award is nominated by and voted on by the March of Dimes Board of Directors, senior volunteer leadership and staff. The award was presented to Donald and Susan Sturm, of the Sturm Family Foundation and owners of American National Bank, on January 29, 2009 at a special reception held in the Governor’s Mansion in Denver, Colorado.

In 2008, ANB and SFF, together with the fundraising efforts of staff members,

contributed over \$17,600 to help the March of Dimes in their fight to save babies. Over the past four years, ANB and SFF's contributions totaled nearly \$50,000.

In years past, two American National Bank, Western Colorado employees and their families were named the Western Slope Ambassador Family for 2005 and 2006. In addition, Tim LyBarger, Regional President for ANB's Western Colorado Region, was Chairman of the Western Colorado Division of Directors. Ann Giambalvo, Marketing Officer, in American National Bank's Southern Colorado Region sits on the Southern Colorado Division of Directors. At the Thursday Awards Presentation, Ann was awarded the Southern Colorado Division's Outstanding Board Member of 2008 Award. Ann was also received the 2006 Outstanding Committee Chair Award in Colorado for her organization of March of Dimes' Signature Chefs' Event in Colorado Springs.

The March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health, working to improve the health of babies. ANB and SFF are proud to continue their support of this worthy cause. "We're very honored to receive this award," stated Don Sturm. "Being partners in supporting local organizations and their causes, like the March of Dimes' in Colorado is what helps keep our communities healthy and thriving."

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