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Granite Raises Funds for Maine – Northern Ireland Student Exchange Program

(December 15, 2014)-Portland, ME—Granite Telecommunications, LLC, a provider of communications solutions to businesses, raised **\$9,002** for the Maine Irish Children’s Program (MICP). MICP is a non-profit student exchange program between Maine and Northern Ireland designed to teach teenagers conflict resolution and appreciation of cultural differences.

MICP began in the 1980s as a way to help students in Northern Ireland escape religious and political conflict by bringing them to Maine for the month of July, a time of heightened violence in the country. Now thirty years later, although civil strife has declined dramatically, MICP continues their summer exchange program to teach teenagers in Maine and Northern Ireland the value in learning about different cultures and working as a team.

About Jeans Day

Through weekly Jeans Days, held every Friday, Granite employees have the option to wear business casual attire or jeans with a donation of \$3 to the selected charity. Each week, the Granite Cares Committee, comprised of Granite employees, chooses a qualifying nonprofit organization nominated by other employees. Granite then matches the amount raised by employees.

About Granite

Granite provides voice, data and other related communications products and services to multi-location businesses throughout the United States and Canada. Granite furnishes services to more than three-quarters of the Fortune 100 companies in the United States, and has 1.3 million phone lines under management. Granite employs over 1,200 people at the company’s headquarters in Quincy, MA and offices in Atlanta, GA, Miami, FL, New York, NY and Providence, RI. For more information, visit www.granitenet.com.