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Granite Helps Battle Childhood Cancer

Granite teammate coordinates fundraiser for sister who succumbed to thyroid cancer

(March 24, 2017)-Quincy, MA—Granite Telecommunications, LLC, a provider of communications solutions to businesses, raised **\$6,500** for This Star Won't Go Out (TSWGO), a non-profit dedicated to serving families with children diagnosed with life-threatening cancer. The non-profit provides grants to help alleviate the financial strain that families often encounter when caring for a child suffering from the disease.

“The generosity of Granite is absolutely amazing,” said Evangeline Earl, the teammate at Granite responsible for coordinating the fundraiser and who also serves on the Board of Directors at TSWGO. “We are so fortunate to have such incredible support from our local community. This donation will relieve some of the financial burden for several families, allowing them more time to focus on their child’s needs.”



Pictured above: Esther and Evangeline Earl attend a Harry Potter event together in May 2009

This Star Won't Go Out was founded in 2011 in honor of Evangeline Earl's younger sister, Esther, who passed away from thyroid cancer in 2010 at the age of 16. Esther also served as the inspiration behind the number-one bestselling novel and critically acclaimed film *The Fault in Our Stars* after meeting the book's author at a Harry Potter event in 2009. Since its founding in 2011, TSWGO has helped hundreds of households, with gifts totaling over \$450,000 to help families suffering from financial hardship related to childhood cancer.

On June 15, This Star Won't Go Out will host its 2nd Annual Shine Under the Stars Gala at the WATERCLUB in Marina Bay, Quincy. Proceeds will help TSWGO continue to make a difference in the lives of children with cancer, one family at a time. For more information, visit www.tswgo.org.

About Jeans Day

Through weekly Jeans Days, held every Friday, Granite teammates 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 teammates, chooses a qualifying nonprofit organization nominated by other teammates. Granite then matches the amount raised by teammates.

About Granite

Granite provides voice, data and other related communications products and services to multi-location businesses and governmental agencies throughout the United States and Canada. Granite furnishes services to more than two-thirds of the Fortune 100 companies in the United States, and 1.5 million voice and data lines under management. Granite employs over 1,700 people at the company's headquarters in Quincy, MA, and offices in Atlanta, GA, Chicago, IL, Dallas, TX, Miami, FL, New York, NY, Orlando, FL, and Providence, RI. For more information, visit www.granitenet.com.