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**Granite Raises Funds for Boston-based Culinary Arts Program**

*Future Chefs Prepares Urban Teens for Successful Careers*

(July 30, 2014)-Boston, MA—Granite Telecommunications, LLC, a provider of communications solutions to businesses, raised **\$3,728** for Future Chefs. The Boston-based non-profit utilizes early employment in the culinary field to prepare urban teens for successful careers in the restaurant industry, or wherever their ambition may lead them. With hands-on work experience and individualized coaching and mentorship, students at Future Chefs gain the skills, experience, and confidence necessary to succeed in any field.

“Philanthropic companies like Granite, where our wonderful alum, Luis Colon, is launching his business career, demonstrate that investing in the next generation is good for the bottom line and the soul of an enterprise,” said Toni Elka, Executive Director and Founder of Future Chefs. Granite teammate Luis Colon identified Future Chefs for Granite’s weekly “Jeans Day” fundraising.

For more information about Future Chefs, visit [www.futurechefs.net/](http://www.futurechefs.net/).



**Pictured Above: Students at Future Chefs turned out to support their peers who participated in the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Chefs in Shorts event on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Seaport Hotel with some of Boston’s best chefs**

**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 two-thirds of the Fortune 100 companies in the United States, and 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](http://www.granitenet.com).