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**Granite Raises Funds to Combat Hunger Locally**

*Food for Free Delivers to Those in Need*

(August 5, 2014)-Cambridge, MA—Granite Telecommunications, LLC, a provider of communications solutions to businesses, raised **\$3,605** for Food for Free, a Cambridge-based non-profit devoted to combatting local hunger by rescuing fresh food and distributing it to more than 80 food programs in the Greater Boston Area. Each morning the non-profit sends its drivers to various local retailers to pick-up donated produce, dairy and baked goods. Food for Free then redirects the items to those in need. In 2013, Food for Free delivered more than 1 million pounds of food and saved over 700,000 pounds from going to waste.

“Food for Free is deeply grateful to Granite and its employees for showing such generous support to our organization,” said Sasha Purpura, Executive Director of Food for Free. “The money raised will go directly to our Produce Rescue program.”

For more information about Food for Free, visit [www.foodforfree.org/](http://www.foodforfree.org/).

**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).



Food for Free driver, Christian Oviedo, organizes a truck of fresh produce salvaged from a local retailer and bound for food programs in the Greater Boston area