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Granite Supports Meals on Wheels

Employee charity on track to support 60 charities in 2013

(December 9th)- Quincy, MA—Each and every week, employees of Granite Telecommunications, LLC, a provider of local and long distance telephone, data, networking, and other communications and alarm services, have made it their mission to support a different charity. For the week of December 2nd, a contribution of \$ 3,682 will be donated to the Meals on Wheels Christmas meal program. Meals on Wheels is an national organization, comprised of local senior nutrition programs, that deliver over one million meals each day to seniors who have limited mobility. The Christmas meal program ensures seniors can enjoy a holiday meal that they otherwise wouldn't have access to. (<http://www.mowaa.org>) In the spirit of the holiday season, Granite employees rallied together and volunteered their time assisting Meals on Wheels employees.

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's owner, Robert T. Hale, Jr., matches the amount raised by employees. Weekly donations typically range from \$2,000 to \$4,000. This week, employee Larry Sylvain identified the cause for Granite to support.

Jeans Day was started in the spring of 2007 when Rob Hale appointed seven employees to develop the concept. As a group, the employees chose the name "Granite Cares" and decided how employees could help the company contribute to local charities. The "Granite Cares" Committee has since seen tremendous support and growth over the years. Through this initiative, Granite is on track to raise more than \$200,000 for 60 area charities in 2013 alone. Two original members, Kim Meyers and Paul Kostas, remain on the Committee to this day.

About Granite Telecommunications

Granite provides communications products to multi-location businesses throughout the United States and Canada. Granite's core services are local and long distance telephone services, which Granite centralizes and offers a single point of billing and contact for its customers over incumbent carrier networks. Granite offers an array of other communications products, including broadband data, network and voice services, inside wiring and alarm and security and monitoring installation and services. 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 1,100 people, most of whom work at its headquarters in Quincy, MA. For more information, visit www.granitenet.com.