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Granite Supports Philippines Typhoon Relief

Employee charity supported over 51 charities in 2013 so far

(December 3rd)- 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 Holiday week of November 25th, two charities were supported including the Operation Blessing Foundation to which a contribution of \$3,468 will be donated. The non-profit organization has a mission to fulfill human need around the world, and this week's donation will support the Philippines Typhoon Relief. (<http://www.ob.org>)

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 Hermina Dixey identified the worthy cause for Granite to support. Though the week was shortened because of the holidays, Granite employees still achieved the average weekly donation amount.

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 has raised over \$185,000 for more than 51 area charities in 2013 so far. 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.