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Scholarship Fund for Students with Cystic Fibrosis Benefits from Granite Fundraiser

(August 7, 2014)-Plymouth, MA—Granite Telecommunications, LLC, a provider of communications solutions to businesses, raised **\$4,002** for Live.Learn.Breathe. and the Jill M. Balboni Scholarship Foundation, which provides college scholarships to students living with Cystic Fibrosis. Live.Learn.Breathe. was established by four lifelong friends of Jill M. Balboni following her untimely passing in 2013 due to Cystic Fibrosis. One of those four friends, Kate Baker, an employee at Granite Telecommunications, rallied the support of the company's weekly Jeans Day fundraiser to support this cause dear to her heart.

In 2015, Live.Learn.Breathe. aims to offer a \$10,000 scholarship to a college candidate who demonstrates outstanding academic achievement, in spite of their battles with Cystic Fibrosis. Jill M. Balboni valued the importance of education, and herself earned a doctorate in Law and Policy from Northeastern University. The Scholarship Fund hopes to memorialize the spirit of Jill by supporting students that share her enthusiasm for life and indomitable attitude.

For more information about Live.Learn.Breathe. and how to support the Jill M. Balboni Scholarship Fund, please visit www.livelearnbreathe.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.



Jill M. Balboni celebrates receiving her PhD from Northeastern University