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***Granite Supports Education & Leadership Program in Boston & Rwanda
Through Basketball Program
Shooting Touch Program Reaches City & Suburban Youth***

(April 25th)-Quincy, MA—Granite Telecommunications, LLC, a provider of communications solutions to businesses, contributed **\$4,523** to support Shooting Touch, a basketball program for young adults that promotes health education, disease prevention, academic enrichment, and self-improvement, both on and off the court. The program leverages passion for the game of basketball to uplift inner city and suburban youth.

Internationally, The Shooting Touch Sabbatical Program, otherwise known as the “Basketball Peace Corps”, provides college graduates the opportunity to work in Rwanda constructing basketball courts and educating youth and local coaches about the game. The curriculum includes off-court lessons on topics like gender equality, health and fitness, disease prevention, the importance of education, and leadership skills.

“We believe that basketball’s positive influence on the lives of children can make the world a better place, and the more resources we have, the stronger the impact we can make,” said Lindsey Kittredge, Executive Director of Shooting Touch. “Thank you and your team at Granite for helping us reach our goals!”



Pictured above: Robert Schlakman of Granite and Justin Kittredge of Shooting Touch

This week, Granite teammate Robert Schlakman identified this worthy cause for Granite’s weekly Jeans Day fundraising. For more information, visit www.shootingtouch.com.

About Granite

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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.