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Granite United Way Announce Community Investments ~ Delivering Impact Across the North Country

North Country volunteers announce funding for local programs

(Littleton, New Hampshire) – Granite United Way’s annual campaign mobilizes more than 20,000 donors and corporate supporters to raise more than \$9 million across the state of New Hampshire and Windsor County, Vermont. These investments will deliver nearly \$12 Million in total community impact this year, while leveraging another \$2 Million in support through initiatives.

The campaign benefits more than 750 nonprofit agencies and programs providing services to more than 350,000 individuals. Volunteers are mobilized from each local region in its footprint to review and vet proposals and make funding decisions based upon strict criteria that ensures investments are held to the highest standards and are producing the greatest, most cost-efficient impact.

Additionally, over 130 households in the North Country utilized free tax preparation services through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, bringing nearly \$160,000 in federal tax refunds to the community. The team at 2-1-1 NH answered nearly 800 calls from the North Country, connecting individuals to critical referrals to social services, including needs related to homelessness, legal supports, and utility assistance.

Local volunteers on Granite United Way’s North Country Community Impact Committee dedicated the last few months to evaluating program proposals and determining their investment decisions for the Northern Region.

Together the volunteer Board of Directors and North Country Community Impact Committee announced that the 2018 Campaign would deliver over \$300,000 in support during 2019 to the North Country.

North Country volunteers focused funding decisions on providing basic needs in the North Country, such as supporting the youth and seniors in the region.

“These investments leverage the incredible impact made by our local and statewide initiatives, including 2-1-1 NH, public health networks and volunteer income tax assistance to create the opportunity for our communities to learn, earn and be healthy,” said Patrick Tufts, President and CEO of Granite United Way.

Local volunteers lead the investment process, focusing on providing basic needs across the region, and grants were made to several new partners this year.

“The North Country Community Impact Committee is extremely happy with this year’s results. It was a very successful campaign and I wish to thank the Campaign Committee for their efforts. We are thrilled to have funded deserving agencies who have helped thousands of people in need. We fully expect to significantly increase the funds we invest in the community in the future.” said Bill Bedor, Community Impact Committee Chair and Granite United Way Board Member.

Organizations across the region partner with Granite United Way to offer critical services and programs.

"Granite United Way is providing an invaluable resource for the North Country, securing funding and networking opportunities for so many of our area nonprofits. The Boys & Girls Club of the North Country is a nonprofit that thrives off of the support from members of our community, as well as local and federal grants. With support from Granite United Way, we have been able to provide afterschool and camp opportunities this year for children of the North Country, offering financial aid to over half of our 223 registered members. We are so grateful for this partnership and would like to thank those who have helped make this collaboration possible." said Sara Shovlin, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country.

"The North Country has some of the most dedicated supporters, and Granite United Way is fortunate to work alongside so many of them to improve our community," said Nanci Carney, North Country Area Manager.

Funded programs will receive notification this week.

For more information about Granite United Way, visit www.graniteuw.org.

Granite United Way

Granite United Way is an experienced and trusted organization dedicated to leveraging the resources of investors and volunteers to create lasting change by addressing the underlying causes of our community's most pressing needs. Granite United Way works with over 1,000 companies, 25,000 investors and thousands of volunteers every year to ensure access to program and services that help individuals and families learn, earn and be healthy. Granite United Way is highly rated by the nation's most recognized experts on nonprofits, GuideStar and Charity Navigator.

Granite United Way serves the Southern (Manchester/Derry/Salem), Merrimack County, North Country, Central NH, Northern and Upper Valley Regions of NH and VT as well as Windsor County, VT. For more information, visit www.graniteuw.org.

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