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PEOPLE'S UNITED COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$5,000 TO ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY SERVICES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

MANCHESTER, NH – The People's United Community Foundation, the philanthropic arm of People's United Bank, announced today that it has awarded \$5,000 to St. Joseph Community Services.

St. Joseph Community Services fosters independence and life enrichment for seniors and other qualified adults through nutrition, social engagement and community services. The grant, which brings the total amount awarded by People's United Community Foundation to the organization to more than \$27,000, will support its Meals on Wheels program. St. Joseph Community Services Meals on Wheels has provided almost 12 million meals throughout Hillsborough County since 1977.

"The contribution from People's United Community Foundation makes a real difference in our ability to meet the need of all those who ask for our help," said Meghan Brady, President of St. Joseph Community Services. "All of us at SJCS are deeply grateful for the continued support that helps to provide a hot meal and a safety check for isolated, homebound older and disabled adults. In fact, in our most recent survey, 59% of clients said that they were less hungry since receiving this service."

"For many individuals, St. Joseph Community Services offers not only a meal, but a way to maintain a healthy and independent life," said Dianne Mercier, Officer, People's United Community Foundation and President, People's United Bank, New Hampshire. "We are pleased to once again partner with St. Joseph Community Services in their efforts to deliver more than 1,400 nutritious meals per day."

Established in 2007, People's United Community Foundation was formed to help support programs and activities that enhance the quality of life for citizens in the communities that People's United Bank serves. People's United Bank, founded in 1842 and serving customers from New York to Maine through a network of more than 400 branches, is the largest independent bank headquartered in New England. The Foundation places special emphasis on programs designed to promote economic self-sufficiency, education and improved conditions for low-income families and neighborhoods. The funding priorities of the Foundation include community development, youth development, and affordable housing.

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