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PEOPLE'S UNITED COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$5,000 TO NEW HAMPSHIRE'S HANNAH GRIMES CENTER

MANCHESTER, NH – As part of its commitment to promote economic development in the communities where People's United Bank operates, the People's United Community Foundation, the philanthropic arm of People's United Bank, announced today that it has awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Hannah Grimes Center of Keene.

The Hannah Grimes Center provides programs specifically designed to increase the success rate of small businesses and nonprofit organizations, including an entrepreneurship program, training workshops, and coaching sessions. The funding brings the total amount awarded by People's United Community Foundation to the organization to more than \$50,000.

"People's United Community Foundation has been a Key Partner program supporter since 2009 and we are grateful for their dedication," said MaryAnn Kristiansen, Executive Director, Hannah Grimes Center. "Their funding will support the Hannah Grimes' Key Partner program, which provides a stable funding base to grow our business support initiatives."

"We are pleased to continue our partnership with the Hannah Grimes Center as they teach, nurture and support the backbone of our local economy," said Dianne Mercier, Officer of People's United Community Foundation and President, People's United Bank, New Hampshire.

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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