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PEOPLE'S UNITED COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$10,000 TO EASTER SEALS NEW HAMPSHIRE

MANCHESTER, NH – As part of its ongoing effort to enhance the quality of life for residents 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 \$10,000 to Easter Seals New Hampshire.

Easter Seals New Hampshire provides more than 90 unique services to infants, children, young adults, adults, and seniors with disabilities or special needs, ensuring that all those assisted and their families have access to equal opportunities.

Funding from People's United Community Foundation will support the Robert B. Jolicoeur School in Manchester, which provides an alternative placement for students who cannot be educated or therapeutically served in their home school districts. The school's state-approved special education programs allow students to obtain academic success and develop independent living skills.

"We are thankful to our friends at the People's United Community Foundation for supporting our dedicated teachers," said Larry Gammon, President and Chief Executive Officer of Easter Seals New Hampshire. "The work of our teachers has a direct impact on the opportunities available to our students as they complete their studies and move on to adult life."

"Easter Seals is a hidden gem in our community that is providing life-changing services for individuals with special needs," said Dianne Mercier, Officer of People's United Community Foundation and New Hampshire President for People's United Bank. "The Jolicoeur School is a critical component in the organization's efforts to enhance the quality of life and overall success for students."

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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