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OVER \$1,800 IN DONATIONS RAISED BY COAST ON LEAP DAY FOR THE NH FOODBANK AS PART OF #DayItForward

Dover, NH, March 10, 2016 - On Leap Day, COAST decided do to something special with the extra 24 hours we all had in 2016 and raised over \$1,800 in donations for the NH Food Bank as a part of their #DayItForward campaign.

Although they didn't meet their goal of \$2,000, a total of \$1,635 in fares and donations were collected in the fare boxes. An additional \$175 was donated by COAST employees. In total, \$1,810 was raised for the New Hampshire Food Bank. These funds can be leveraged at the Food Bank to create up to 3,620 meals.

COAST Executive Director, Rad Nichols, stated, "It was a great day at COAST and we want to thank everyone for their participation and fantastic community spirit!"

"We applaud COAST patrons and employees for generously partnering with the NH Food Bank for the Leap Day #DayItForward campaign," said Gosselin. "The winter months can be a very difficult time for those who are faced with 'Eat or Heat' decisions by the limitations of their resources."

COAST has a longstanding history with supporting area food banks and paying it forward through stuff-a-bus campaigns sponsored by employees and area radio stations. Some of the organizations that have been recipients of support generated through COAST in the past have included Gerry's Food Pantry in Rochester, the Interfaith Food Pantry in Farmington, Dover Food Pantry & Operation Blessing in Portsmouth.

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COAST is Greater Seacoast New Hampshire's public, non-profit regional public transit system, with the mission of promoting and/or providing public mass transit services in Southeastern New Hampshire. As a non-profit public agency, COAST relies primarily on passenger fares, federal grants, local government support and advertising revenues to operate its services. To find out more about the COAST system please visit www.coastbus.org or find them on Facebook.

The New Hampshire Food Bank, a program of Catholic Charities New Hampshire, has been working to relieve hunger in the Granite State since 1984. In 2015, as the state's only Food Bank, the New Hampshire Food Bank efficiently procured and distributed over 12 million pounds of food to people in need through more than 400 non-profit registered agencies. Agencies include food pantries, neighborhood centers, low-income housing sites, senior nutrition centers, family crisis centers, hospices, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, after school programs, and day care centers. For more information about the New Hampshire Food Bank, please visit www.nhfoodbank.org/. Find them on Facebook and follow them on Twitter.

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