

## News Release

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### **Concord Hospital Receives \$538.50 From The Granite Restaurant at the Centennial Inn**

CONCORD, N.H. - The Granite Restaurant has donated \$538.50 from a “pink” drink and dessert promotion during October and Breast Care Awareness month to the Concord Hospital Trust. The funds are designated toward the Gene Gillis Endowment Fund at Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care, which supports cancer patients in need.

The promotion was the idea of Chef Tournant Bruce Hackett whose grandmother struggled with breast cancer. Bruce wanted to do something to help those with cancer and proposed the idea to Head Chef Corey Fletcher who suggested a pink theme to coincide with the colored ribbon representative of breast cancer. During the month, 50 percent of proceeds from the sale of pink cosmopolitan drinks and raspberry sorbet desserts were designated to the Fund.

“We weren’t sure how much we would raise but felt it would be a great way to raise awareness of breast cancer and do our part to help those in our community battling cancer”, said Hackett.

Dana Gillis Kaiser created the Gene Gillis Endowment Fund in memory of her father who lost his battle with cancer. The fund supports Payson Center patients in need with any out-of-pocket expenses associated with their treatment in hopes of improving their quality of life and perhaps eliminating one of the many uncertainties they face.

The Granite Restaurant offers new American cooking and seasonal menus influenced with French, Mediterranean, and Asian style using local New England products whenever possible. The Centennial Inn introduces a welcome alternative to both traditional franchised hotels and local inns with a modern, urban-contemporary flair in a beautiful Queen Anne Victorian landmark.

Concord Hospital Trust’s new “Business Partners in Health” initiative is led by area business representatives in collaboration with Concord Hospital Center for Health Promotion and Occupational Health Services. The initiative provides area businesses with meaningful information and support to help keep their employees healthy. For more information, please contact the Concord Hospital Trust-Office of Philanthropy at (603) 225-2711, ext. 3076.

(Caption: Mary Jane Ricker, Laconia Savings Bank and Chair of the Business Partners in Health initiative accepts the check from Bruce Hackett on behalf of the Concord Hospital Trust. Sue O’Donnell, General Manager also a Business Partner in Health member looks on.)