

# Bank of Granite

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## **Bank of Granite Names SBA Lender of the Year**

Granite Falls, N.C. —Over 200 employees will participate in the Ninth Annual Bank of Granite Health and Wellness Fair. To be held at the Concord Baptist Church New Life Center in Granite Falls, the event will take place on Monday, May 2, 2005, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. According to Senior Vice President and Director of Human Resources, Karen Warlick, this event is a popular and beneficial attraction for the bank's employees.

"We provide an environment for our employees to be educated about and made aware of the importance of good health. This fair provides a forum for them to have their screenings for cholesterol, blood sugar, vision/glaucoma, blood pressure, body composition, bone density and other diagnostic tests conducted at no cost to the employee. We will also have representatives available from Unifour Area hospitals, health care providers and fitness facilities." Warlick said.

"This is a great time for our employees to get easy access to specific ways they can improve their overall quality of life; whether that means nutrition, weight or physical activity management." Warlick stated. "We have had tremendous support in planning this event from participating organizations and health care providers, especially from Primary PhysicianCare, the bank's health insurance administrator."

Bank of Granite Corporation is the parent company of Bank of Granite and Granite Mortgage, Inc. The bank operates 21 full service banking offices in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Forsyth, Mecklenburg, Watauga and Wilkes Counties. Granite Mortgage, headquartered in Winston-Salem, originates home mortgages in these areas, as well as, in Hilton Head, S.C.

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