

# Bank of Granite

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## **Bank of Granite Employees Raise Nearly \$4,500 for March of Dimes**

Bank of Granite's Morganton office raised \$4,497 for the March of Dimes. Sixteen employees helped with the fund-raising and five employees participated in the April 28 walk held at Freedom Park in Morganton.

Employees begin their fund-raising efforts early by selling March of Dimes Sneakers and many types of beanie babies. This year, they also raffled a sofa donated by Hickory Hill Furniture. Barbara Weaver, senior teller, was the bank's leading fundraiser, raising more than \$1,900 through corporate sponsorships and generous customers.

"We've participated in the March of Dimes walk since we opened 17 years ago in July 1989," said Sam Stephenson, Morganton office manager. "We receive a lot of support from our customers for this great cause, and our employees really get behind it."

Bank of Granite and Granite Mortgage are subsidiaries of Bank of Granite Corporation whose stock is traded on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "GRAN." The bank operates 22 full-service banking offices in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Forsyth, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Watauga, and Wilkes counties. Granite Mortgage, headquartered in Winston-Salem, originates home mortgages in these counties and in Fayetteville, Greensboro, and Salisbury, N.C.

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