

Bank of Granite

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Bank of Granite Employees Raise More Than \$8,500 for March of Dimes

Bank of Granite was the third highest fund-raising team for the recent Catawba County March of Dimes walk, raising more than \$8,500. Eighteen Catawba County Bank of Granite employees participated the day of the event as walkers and volunteers.

Each of the seven Catawba County offices has a team captain to champion the effort. Employees begin raising money for the walk months in advance. This year they sold candy bars, many types of beanie babies, the March of Dimes paper sneakers, and even sponsored bake sales and gift basket raffles. Linda Mayo, senior teller at the Mountain View office, received the Bronze Award from the March of Dimes, which is presented to individuals who raise between \$500 and \$1,000.

"I've been involved with the March of Dimes walk for many years," said Teresa Andrews, Hickory office manger. "I'm pleased to be able to help Bank of Granite continue its support of such a wonderful organization and one that is so close to my heart."

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, and a lending office in Guilford County. Granite Mortgage, headquartered in Winston-Salem, originates home mortgages in these counties and in Fayetteville and Salisbury, N.C.

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