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## **Katahdin Trust Serves as Collection Point for The Pantry Project**

**Bangor, ME:** Katahdin Trust is pleased to be a partner again this year on The Pantry Project, a collaborative effort with the United Way of Eastern Maine, Good Shepherd Food Bank and other local businesses to keep food pantries full all year long. “We recognize that our local food pantries’ donations dwindle after the holidays,” explains Krista Putnam, Katahdin Trust Vice President, Marketing. “We appreciate the opportunity to do our part in making sure their shelves remain stocked.”

During the month of April, Katahdin Trust will serve as a collection point at its three area branches:

- 52 Springer Drive, Bangor
- 609 Broadway, Bangor
- 57 Western Avenue, Hampden

Last year, Katahdin Trust employees, customers and other visitors collected 246 pounds of food. “We know there is a great need for support,” says Putnam. “Our goal is to surpass last year’s collection efforts.”

More than 20% of Maine households do not have reliable and consistent access to food. Although the holiday season brings many donations of food, by spring, many pantries experience a food shortage. The current economy has forced more people into poverty or near poverty; with 1 in 4 children in Maine living in poverty.

“Since the project’s inception in 2010, we have collected over **60,000 pounds** of food,” shares Jesse Moriarty, Vice President, Resource Development & Communications, United Way of Eastern Maine. “Our goal in 2017 is to collect 15,000 pounds of food, which will provide over 12,000 meals to families in need in our communities.” 100% of the food and funds raised through the Pantry Project stay right here in Eastern Maine.

For more information on The Pantry Project please visit [www.unitedwayem.org](http://www.unitedwayem.org) or call the United Way of Eastern Maine at 207-941-2800.

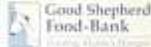
Photo: Katahdin Trust employees assisting with The Pantry Project collection. L to R: Eunice McAfee, Rebecca Smith and Monica Campbell.

### **About Katahdin Trust**

Katahdin Trust Company, established in 1918 with over \$754 million in assets, provides banking services to individuals and businesses from sixteen offices throughout Maine and online at [KatahdinTrust.com](http://KatahdinTrust.com). Katahdin Bankshares Corp., parent company of Katahdin Trust Company, stock is quoted on the OTC Markets quote board OTCQX under the symbol KTHN. Current stock information can be found at [otcm Markets.com/stock/KTHN/quote](http://otcm Markets.com/stock/KTHN/quote).

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