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Katahdin Trust Helps Feed Families in Maine

Bangor, ME: Katahdin Trust is pleased to recognize its customers, visitors and staff members who surpassed last year's collection efforts for The Pantry Project by almost 140 pounds. "Last year we collected 246 pounds of food and this year we collected over 380 pounds," shares Krista Putnam, Katahdin Trust Vice President, Marketing. "Thanks to the generosity of our customers, employees and other community members, we are working to do our part in making sure pantry shelves remain stocked."

Again this year, Katahdin Trust was a partner in The Pantry Project, a collaborative effort with the United Way of Eastern Maine, Good Shepherd Food Bank and other local businesses to help keep food pantries full all year long. During the month of April, Katahdin Trust served as a collection point at its three area branches on Springer Drive and Broadway in Bangor and on Western Avenue in Hampden.

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.

"We are certainly pleased with this year's collection efforts so far," shares Jesse Moriarty, Vice President, Resource Development & Communications, United Way of Eastern Maine. "Since the project's inception in 2010, we have collected over **60,000 pounds** of food and our goal in 2017 is to collect 15,000 pounds of food. Partnerships with businesses like Katahdin Trust will help ensure that we can 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 or call the United Way of Eastern Maine at 207-941-2800.

Photo: Sunny Flannery, Branch Manager and Clarissa Crandall, Customer Service Representative from Katahdin Trust's Hampden location, proudly display the food that was collected by customers, visitors and staff members. During the month of April, Katahdin Trust participated in the United Way Pantry Project to help stock local pantry shelves.

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. 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.

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