

PROCON challenges New Hampshire businesses to "Get on the Bus" with Granite United Way

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Manchester, NH PROCON has challenged N.H. businesses to "Get on the Bus" with Granite United Way. On October 1, 25 Granite United Way business supporters and their guests boarded a bus to Gillette Stadium for a New England Patriots game. It was a fun and eventful conclusion to the 2016/2017 "Get on the Bus" Stebbins Family Challenge Match that raised over \$100,000 for non-profits that support the community.

PROCON owners, Sally and Mark Stebbins are longtime United Way contributors and Alexis de Tocqueville Society members. Their family has supported United Way through personal contributions, corporate fundraisers and challenge matches over the past 60 years.

To be eligible for the Stebbins Family Challenge Match, each business agreed to host a new workplace campaign or pledged a new corporate gift. In turn, the Stebbins Family committed \$50,000 to match these new corporate gifts to United Way. All of the qualified business donors received a complimentary pair of tickets to "Get on the Bus" for a Patriots game, and enjoyed time on the football field before the kickoff. The excursion also included a lunch reception at the new Hilton Garden Inn – Patriot Place, which was designed and built by PROCON.

In previous year's campaigns, Granite United Way usually attracted three to four new companies. PROCON's "Get on the Bus" Challenge Match brought in 25 new corporate donors who contributed to this year's campaign. One longtime partner of PROCON, Metro Walls participated in the "Get on the Bus" challenge and raised over \$21,000 last year and \$20,000 in this year's campaign.

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