

Grappone Ford hosts food drive for Boys and Girls Clubs at PROCON

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Hooksett, NH On Thursday July 31st governor Ayotte; Amanda Grappone Osmer, CEO Grappone Automotive; Diane Fitzpatrick, CEO Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Manchester; John Stebbins, CEO PROCON; and Bob Coates, president Eversource NH and Jason Yergeau, Eversource, Hooksett Police chief Justin Sargent, Ford national leadership and other business leaders attended the Ford National Kick Off of their Ford Building Together initiative, dedicated to giving back to communities across America.

Grappone Ford is offering free oil changes in exchange for donated items throughout all of August, September and October. For the kick-off event, Grappone Automotive partnered with PROCON, Eversource Energy, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Manchester to complete services on July 31 at PROCON's headquarters.

The food drive is part of a larger, nationwide community initiative, Ford Building Together, that brings together Ford Motor Company and Ford dealers to focus philanthropic efforts on community development, education, food security, and disaster relief.

According to Feeding America, hunger affects 10% of New Hampshire residents, and 1 in 5 children across the U.S. do not have enough food – a problem exacerbated during the summer months when school is out. To collect as many donations as possible, Grappone Ford's Mobile Service team dispatched to PROCON, one of their Bring Back the Trades partners, to collect food and goods for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Manchester while conducting oil changes.

"Our leadership team empowers all of us to give back to the community through volunteerism and other means," said David Bosquet, mobile service technician, Grappone Ford. "I'm hoping that today's event not only supports the Boys and Girls Club but also helps to get the word out about the types of fulfilling jobs that are available in skilled trades. Also, I benefited from the Boys and Girls Club as a kid, and I'm glad to be able to give back."

In a full-circle moment, Diane shared that both Grappone service technicians once attended partner clubs as 'club kids'—growing up in the very programs they now support through events like this. In addition to the two Grappone mobile technicians being Boys and Girls Clubs alumni, both John Stebbins, CEO of PROCON and Jason Yergeau, Director at Eversource serve on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Manchester.

Giving back to New Hampshire is part of the fabric and culture at Grappone Ford. Led by fourth-generation family member Amanda Grappone Osmer, Grappone Automotive is deeply committed to community impact, donating 5% of its annual net profits to charitable organizations. As a longtime supporter of the Boys & Girls Clubs and a strong advocate for skilled trades education, the dealership continues to champion causes that strengthen youth development and workforce readiness across the region.

The food and supply drive is an example of the continued partnership between Grappone Automotive, PROCON, and Eversource. In 2024, the three joined forces as hosts and sponsored the NH Bring Back the Trades event that supported Bring Back The Trades. The event highlighted the value of trade professions, gave away over \$110,000 in trade scholarships, and hosted Mike Rowe and over 4,000 young adults interested in learning about the trades.

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