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## **Bangor Savings Bank Food Drive Provides 10,162 Jars of PB & J for Hunger Relief**

*The donated peanut butter and jelly is distributed to  
food pantries throughout Maine*

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**BANGOR, ME** – During the month of March, a total of 10,162 jars of peanut butter and jelly were collected in response to a unique, annual food drive overseen by Bangor Savings Bank. This year’s drive also encouraged those donating to share their act of kindness on social media: for each “selfie” donors took at the bank branch they donated in, Bangor Savings contributed an additional two jars of peanut butter. The jars of peanut butter and jelly were then distributed to local food pantries across the state.

“Bangor Savings Bank recognizes that many Mainers struggle to put food on the table,” said Bob Montgomery-Rice, President and CEO of Bangor Savings Bank. “We started the peanut butter and jelly drive several years ago as a targeted way to collect a food item that is high in protein and often in short supply and high demand and as a way to involve our employees, customers and the public in giving to their community. We’re impressed by the community’s response and willingness to help their fellow Mainers.”

Last Friday, Bangor Savings Bank employees loaded a truck with boxes of peanut butter and jelly and made deliveries to four communities that are dealing with increased

demand for food due to recent business closures: Orland, Lincoln, Pittsfield and East Millinocket.

In Lincoln, Melvin Voisine of the Lincoln Regional Food Cupboard was on hand to accept the delivery. “The Lincoln Regional Food Cupboard now provides food for residents of ten towns in the area. This generous donation means a lot more families will have peanut butter and jelly in the cupboard for the kids. We are so grateful to Bangor Savings Bank for organizing this effort and to the public for donating,” said Voisine.

Marcia Michaud, of the Katahdin Kupboard Food Pantry in East Millinocket, was also appreciative of the donation. “Peanut butter and jelly is a good, basic lunch and we rarely have enough in stock so this much-needed donation will last several months. This food drive is a terrific idea,” said Michaud.

Montgomery-Rice also acknowledged local media partners for their role in broadcasting the peanut butter and jelly drive. “Thanks to the support of local media partners WLBZ-TV/Channel 2, WCSH-TV/Channel 6, and Maine Internet Radio LLC, a large statewide audience was made aware of our food collection effort. This drive would not have been as successful as it was without this advertising help,” said Montgomery-Rice.

In lieu of food donations, over \$700 was collected during the PB & J drive. These monetary donations will support Good Shepherd Food Bank’s BackPack Program, which provides food for children.

**About Bangor Savings Bank:** *Bangor Savings Bank, with more than \$3 billion in assets, offers retail banking and investment management services to Maine consumers as well as comprehensive commercial, corporate, payroll administration, merchant services, insurance, and small business banking services to Maine businesses and organizations. The Bank, founded in 1852, is in its 163<sup>rd</sup> year of service to the people of Maine, with 57 branches and on the Web at [www.bangor.com](http://www.bangor.com). The Bangor Savings Bank Foundation was created in 1997. Together the Bank and its Foundation invest more than \$1 million per year into the community in the form of nonprofit sponsorships, grants and partnership initiatives.*

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