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VERMONT RESTAURANT WEEK CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY WITH RECORD GIFT TO VERMONT FOODBANK

Burlington, VT – A total of \$25,344.03 was donated to the Vermont Foodbank as a result of Seven Days' 10th annual Vermont Restaurant Week.

When Seven Days launched Vermont Restaurant Week 10 years ago, the goal was to celebrate Vermont's vibrant food scene, drive traffic to local businesses and help our neighbors in need. At least one measure of the event's success set a record this year: a \$25,344.03 donation to the Vermont Foodbank. Over the past decade, Restaurant Week has generated a total of \$147,395.36 for the Vermont nonprofit. Vermont Federal Credit Union is the presenting sponsor of Restaurant Week.

"We are so grateful to Seven Days and Vermont Federal Credit Union for organizing this event, to all of the restaurants who participated, and to all of the individuals who dined during the 10th annual Vermont Restaurant Week," said John

Sayles, CEO of the Vermont Foodbank. “The Vermont Foodbank believes everyone in Vermont plays a role in solving hunger, and this generous gift is an example of how our friends, neighbors and businesses come together to ensure that everyone in Vermont has access to healthy food every day.”

“It’s a tremendous feeling knowing that, as the presenting sponsor of Vermont Restaurant Week, we have been a part of growing an event that builds financially strong communities, promotes Vermont’s thriving food industry, and has also provided nearly \$150,000 to the Vermont Foodbank over the past 10 years,” said Jean Giard, president and CEO of Vermont Federal Credit Union.

More than 100 restaurants across the state participated in Vermont Restaurant Week this year. Each location offered special, prix-fixe meals during the event, which ran from April 26 to May 5. Special foodie events were also held to raise money.

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Pictured Above (left to right): Corey Grenier (Seven Days), Mae Quilty (City Market), John Sayles (Vermont Foodbank), Kylie Perry (Vermont Federal Credit Union)