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VERMONT RESTAURANT WEEK DONATES MORE THAN \$23,000 TO THE VERMONT FOODBANK

Burlington, VT – A total of \$23,165 was donated to the Vermont Foodbank as a result of Seven Days' 9th annual Vermont Restaurant Week — \$1,785 more than last year. This popular annual event was presented by Vermont Federal Credit Union and organized by Seven Days.

"A wholehearted thank you to the Vermont Federal Credit Union, Seven Days, City Market, and all the incredible restaurants and patrons for bringing us another deliciously impactful Vermont Restaurant Week," said John Sayles, Vermont Foodbank CEO. "These funds will help make sure that all of our neighbors can put healthy food on the table and enjoy the fresh, local food our state has to offer. This makes a real difference for families, kids, older Vermonters and people throughout the state. Thank you to everyone who made it possible!" "At Vermont Federal Credit Union, we remain passionate and committed to creating financially strong and vibrant local communities where families and small businesses thrive," said Jean Giard, VFCU president and CEO. "Vermont Restaurant Week helps us to achieve these goals by supporting local businesses and food purveyors, and encouraging community members to get out and enjoy the Vermont restaurant scene during this annual event. We couldn't be more proud, as presenting sponsor, to provide this growing annual donation to help the Vermont Foodbank serve the state of Vermont."

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 20th to 29th. Special foodie events were also held to raise money.

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