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News Release

TD Banknorth Commits \$200,000 to Camp Sunshine to Help Expand Programs for Families of Sick Children

Camp Sunshine in Casco one of only camps in U.S. that serves entire family of seriously ill children

Casco, Maine – Camp Sunshine announced today that TD Banknorth has committed \$200,000 to the non-profit organization to help expand its program assisting families of seriously ill children on a year-round basis.

The grant, provided by TD Banknorth's charitable giving arm, the TD Banknorth Charitable Foundation, will be used to sponsor families from the communities that the bank serves throughout Maine and the Northeast.

Camp Sunshine, located in Maine's Sebago Lake region, supports children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. The camp offers one of the only programs in the nation whose mission is to address the impact of a life-threatening illness on every member of the immediate family. While attending the various week-long camps, families are able to rebuild relationships together and meet other families facing similar challenges.

"This generous gift from TD Banknorth will allow us to serve more families and build our year-round program," said Matt Hoidal, Camp Sunshine's Executive Director. "We receive anywhere from 50 to 70 applications for each peak summer session, and we can only accept 40 families. We don't want to have to tell families to check back with us next summer. A life-threatening illness doesn't shut down at the end of the summer, so neither should we."

David Ott, president of TD Banknorth Maine, said the bank is a strong supporter of Camp Sunshine's mission and is pleased to be a part of its expansion to touch the lives of even more families.

"Camp Sunshine is a top-notch organization that plays a critical role in helping families during trying times," Ott said. "The support and hope provided by Camp Sunshine is invaluable to these families. We welcome the opportunity to lend a hand."

Camp Sunshine's board of directors recently embarked upon a \$14.5 million endowment campaign. Combined with other commitments received to date, the donation from TD Banknorth brings the total raised by Camp Sunshine to \$4.5 million.

"This investment from TD Banknorth is a wonderful example of their commitment to enhancing the lives of children and families in the communities in which they do business," said Kevin Hancock, Chairman, President & CEO of Hancock Lumber, and Chairman of Camp Sunshine's Maine Endowment Committee. "On behalf of Camp Sunshine, we are grateful for the bank's generosity and continued support."

Founded in 1984, Camp Sunshine was the first and remains one of the only camps in the nation whose sole focus is on serving the entire family, and not just the sick child. The program is free of charge to all families, and includes 24-hour onsite medical and psychosocial support. Bereavement groups also are offered for families who have lost a child to an illness. Camp Sunshine has attracted families from 44 states and 15 countries over the years, and provided a camp experience for more than 20,500 family members.

For more information about Camp Sunshine's programs and to learn more about volunteering or making a donation, visit the camp's website at www.campsunshine.org, or call (207) 655-3800.

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The TD Banknorth Charitable Foundation is the charitable giving arm of TD Banknorth Inc. The Foundation's mission is to serve the individuals, families and businesses in all the communities where TD Banknorth operates, having made over \$14 million in charitable donations since its inception in 2002. The efforts of the Foundation are coordinated locally through TD Banknorth's community relations departments and are focused on the areas of economic empowerment, youth development and community support. More information on the TD Banknorth Charitable Foundation is available at www.tdbanknorth.com.

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