



Strawbery Banke Launches Matching Fundraising Challenge with Pledge from Puddle Dock Restaurant and TOUR Golf & Grill

Portsmouth, NH (March 6, 2024) - Strawbery Banke Museum is thrilled to announce that the Puddle Dock Restaurant and TOUR Golf & Grill are matching all gifts to the Strawbery Banke Fund during March, generously pledging to match every gift dollar-for-dollar, up to \$25,000. This initiative presents an extraordinary opportunity for supporters to double the impact of their contributions to the museum. Gifts can be made online via StrawberyBanke.org/donate.

"We are incredibly grateful to Puddle Dock Restaurant and TOUR Golf & Grill for their generous commitment to matching donations to the Strawbery Banke Fund," said Linnea Grim, President and CEO, Thomas W. Haas Endowed Chair. "Their support will play a vital role in helping us continue our mission of preserving and sharing the rich history of Portsmouth and the Seacoast region."

Ryan Lent, Owner of Puddle Dock Restaurant and TOUR Golf & Grill, has been a dedicated partner of Strawbery Banke Museum since 2021 when he opened the Puddle Dock Restaurant. The restaurant, which occupies the Dunaway Store on the Museum grounds, offers a "modern Colonial" menu rich with character, along with photos of past Puddle Dock residents that hang on the walls. His newest restaurant, TOUR Golf & Grill located on Lafayette Road, offers the "Seacoast's finest dining and indoor golf experience."

Restaurants are meant to serve communities, and I take that to heart," said Ryan Lent. "Our community is made better by Strawbery Banke; I am happy, humbled, and honored to be able to support Strawbery Banke. The Museum has been a wonderful partner to The Puddle Dock and TOUR and I am proud to be able to enhance our partnership and help them reach their fundraising goals."

Supporters are encouraged to make contributions to the Strawbery Banke Fund throughout March to take advantage of this matching challenge allowing them to maximize their impact on the museum's programming and preservation efforts.

For more information about the matching fundraising challenge or to donate, please visit StrawberyBanke.org/donate.

About Strawberry Banke Museum:

Strawbery Banke Museum, in the heart of downtown Portsmouth, NH, is a 10-acre history museum interpreting over 300 years of history, from Indigenous history to the present day, through historical houses on their original foundations, heirloom gardens, traditional crafts, and costumed roleplayers who share the stories of the families who lived in the authentic waterfront neighborhood of Puddle Dock. The Museum welcomes visitors, members, schoolchildren, and volunteers for daily programs, exhibits, skating, and signature special events throughout the year. Strawberry Banke Museum is funded in part by grants from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation; the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts & National Endowment for the Arts; the Institute of Museum and Library Services; the National Endowment for the Humanities: Democracy Demands Wisdom; the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program. For more information and a complete calendar of events, please visit StrawberyBanke.org.