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\$1000 Donation made to the Good Shepherd Food Bank from the Southern Maine Home Brewers and Gritty McDuff's.

Auburn, ME – April 24, 2009. The Southern Maine Home Brewer's Club recently awarded the Good Shepherd Food Bank a \$1,000 donation. The \$1000 donation was made possible from the final proceeds of the 3rd Annual New England Home Brewers Regional Competition which was held in Acton, Maine last fall. There were almost 200 home brewed entries in the beer,

cider and mead categories from all over New England. Medals were awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in all categories. SMH members took 7 medals during the day long event. Gritty's has been a major sponsor of the event for the past 3 years and with their support SMH was able to donate proceeds from the competition to the Good Shepherd Food Bank.

"We are happy to give to such a worthwhile charity as the GSFB because they provide a valuable service and needed food to many people in many communities here in Maine," said Dana Peterson, SMH Board Member.

The SMH Club was formed in 2004 and has 20 members. Among their primary goals, SMH's mission is to educate and promote responsible use of home brewed beverages; teach their members about beer, cider, mead & wine making and sharing brewing techniques, knowledge, & experience. For more information visit www.bru-cru.com

Since its founding in 1998, Gritty McDuff's, Maine's first brew pub since Prohibition, has brewed creative, quality beers that have earned awards ranging from repeat First Place wins at the annual Real Ale Festival in Chicago, to their most recent award: a silver medal at the prestigious 2007 Great British Beer Festival for Gritty's cask-conditioned version of the 21 IPA. Gritty's Brew Pubs also have frequently won in statewide polls the titles of "Maine's Best Brew Pub," "Best Maine Microbrew," and "Best Bar." Gritty McDuff's operates three popular brew pubs in Maine. Located in Portland, Freeport and Auburn, the locations draw crowds of all ages. Known for their four seasonal ales and five year-round ales, tempting pub fare and welcoming atmosphere, Gritty's pubs have been named an Editor's Pick by *Condé Nast Traveler*, highlighted as "a legend among New England brewpubs" by *The Boston Globe*, and cited by *Playboy.com* as one of the best bars in America. Gritty's has earned numerous accolades from a wide variety of beer blogs and industry press outlets, as well.

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