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Food Bank RGV Chosen by Staples Associate to Receive \$2,000 Grant

Organization Chosen by Local Associate to Benefit from Staples Foundation Grant

PHARR, Texas Jan. 16, 2016 – The Food Bank RGV has been awarded \$2,000 by Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc., under a program that lets Staples associates direct donations.

“This grant will help us get more school supplies to children who need it the most,” Terri Drefke, FBRGV CEO, said. “Thank you, Staples Foundation, for helping us equip more elementary school children with the tools they need to succeed.”

This grant is part of a philanthropic initiative created by Staples Foundation which allows Staples associates around the world to direct funding to non-profit organizations that are focused on education or job skills. The program, called *2 Million and Change*, encourages local community engagement by awarding larger grants to organizations where associates are highly engaged in volunteering or fundraising – up to \$25,000 per organization.

In 2014, Staples awarded more than \$2.4 million in grants to 1,056 local organizations in support of education and job skills programs, including tutoring for pediatric cancer patients, job skills development for individuals with disabilities, school supplies, mentoring and more.

“Staples Foundation is committed to encouraging associates around the globe to make a difference in their local communities and through *2 Million and Change* we enable them to directly support the programs where they personally see the greatest need,” said Emily McCann, senior manager of community and giving for Staples, Inc.

School Tools is a project of the Food Bank RGV established in 1999 to help elementary school children have access to the supplies they need to succeed in school.

Find out more: foodbankrgv.com/howwework-2/school-tools

About Staples Community and Giving

Staples contributes to educational and job-related community efforts with a primary focus on disadvantaged youth, from literacy and mentoring to career skills development, through in-kind and monetary donations and grants from Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc. Through its community and giving efforts, Staples and Staples Foundation have helped more than 7,000 organizations in 26 countries. For more information, visit www.staples.com/community.