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Impact Thrift Stores Chosen by Local Staples Associates to Receive \$3500 Grant

Montgomeryville, PA – Impact Thrift Stores has been awarded \$3500 by Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc., under a program that lets Staples associates direct donations.

“Supporters such as the Staples Foundation enable Impact Thrift to further our mission to financially support local charities and positively impact local communities. The funds will be used to support our Impact LIVE Student Leadership Program which teaches students of all ages how to organize a charitable collection drive event at their school to support local charities,” said Tamika Miller, Director of Community Outreach for Impact Thrift. “Impact LIVE is intended to not only add value to the student’s educational experience, but it also is designed to serve as a way for Impact Thrift to obtain quality donations to continue its service to the community.”

The grants are 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 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.

The program, called 2 Million and Change, awards funds to organizations around the world, reaching more than \$2 million in grants by the end of the year. In 2013, associates globally directed more than \$2.5 million of Staples Foundation grants to over 1,000 non-profit organizations.

“Staples Foundation is committed to making a positive impact in the communities where our associates live and work,” said Katy Dobbs, Director of Global Community and Giving for Staples, Inc. “Through our program, we are pleased to support our associates and the local non-profit organizations that matter to them most.”

About Impact Thrift Stores

Impact Thrift Stores is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to financially support locally-based charities and positively impact local communities. Since 2001, the philanthropic, non-profit organization has made the Greater Philadelphia area a better place to live and work by turning household donated goods into financial support for organizations that help families in need. At any one

of the four store locations (Hatboro, Montgomeryville, Feasterville, Norristown) Impact Thrift graciously accepts gently-used clothing, shoes, housewares, furniture, electronics, jewelry and other donated items, and the net proceeds from the sales provides financial support to 16 locally-based charities. To date, Impact Thrift has given over \$2 million dollars to support families and children in need. For more information, visit www.impactthrift.org

About Staples Community and Giving

Staples is dedicated to providing education and job skills opportunities in communities where our customers and associates live and work with a primary focus on support disadvantaged youth, from literacy and mentoring to career skills development initiatives. Staples supports these causes through corporate contributions, in-kind donations and grants from Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc. Through its global community and giving efforts, Staples has helped more than 6,500 organizations in local communities across 26 countries. Community and Giving is also an integral component of Staples Soul, which recognizes the connection between long-term business success and the impact Staples has on associates, communities and the planet. For more information, visit www.staples.com/community.