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Volunteers of America Massachusetts Chosen by Staples Associate to Receive $2,000 Grant

Organization Chosen by Local Associate to Benefit from Staples Foundation Grant

BOSTON, MA– Volunteers of America Massachusetts has been awarded $2,000 by Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc., under a program that lets Staples associates direct donations.

Funds will directly support the Face Forward program, designed to divert at-risk youths from the criminal justice system by supporting their education and job skills development. “The contribution from Staples will build opportunities for youths coming out of the juvenile justice system, encouraging them to explore academic and career goals, and helping them realize their full potential,” said Tom Bierbaum, President and CEO.

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 Katy Dobbs, director of global community and giving for Staples, Inc.

About Volunteers of America Massachusetts: Volunteers of America Massachusetts is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving those most in need, especially the vulnerable, the hardest to serve, and those facing multiple challenges. Our work touches the mind, body, heart, and spirit of those we serve. Volunteers of America Massachusetts provides comprehensive programs for veterans, at-risk youth, adults and youth in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction, elders in need of housing and health services, and those in need of mental health treatment.

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.