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## **ITC Awards Grant to Gleaners Community Food Bank** *\$15,000 Grant Expands Gleaners' School-Based Mobile Pantry Program*

**DETROIT (November 4, 2013)** – ITC Holdings Corp. (ITC) has awarded Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan (Gleaners) a \$15,000 grant in support of Gleaners' School-Based Mobile Pantry (SBMP) Program.

"ITC recognizes the significant role proper nutrition has on students' ability to concentrate and learn," said Linda Blair, executive vice president and chief business officer of ITC Holdings Corp. "ITC's Charitable Giving Program focuses on the values we reflect here at ITC. The Gleaners mobile pantry program aligns with two of them – health and wellness and education. We're proud to support Gleaners and their efforts to provide the nourishment our children need to succeed in the classroom."

Gleaners partners with local schools to provide school-based mobile pantries at no cost to the schools or food recipients.

The grant will enable Gleaners to purchase fresh, healthy food for distribution to 60 schools – approximately 9,000 families – each month. Pre-registered families receive 40 pounds of food: five pounds of fruit, 10 pounds of potatoes, eight pounds of juice or healthy beverage alternative, six to 12 pounds of seasonal produce and five pounds of protein.

"One in four children live in poverty in southeast Michigan, oftentimes resulting in food insecurity," states W. DeWayne Wells, president of Gleaners. "Poor nutrition negatively impacts children's education and development. Hungry children are more likely to get sick, suffer from physical, emotional and developmental impairment and are less likely to perform well in school and attend college."

Through its Charitable Giving Program, ITC awards grants to qualified 501 (c) (3) organizations that deliver charitable services in the counties where ITC operates. Grants support programs and projects that reflect the values of ITC: education, environmental stewardship, social services and health and wellness.

### **About Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan**

For more than 36 years, Gleaners Community Food Bank has been "feeding hungry people and nourishing our communities." Last year, Gleaners distributed more than 46 million pounds of emergency food to over 550 partner schools, soup kitchens, shelters and pantries in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Monroe counties. Of every dollar donated, Gleaners uses 93 cents for food and food programs. **One dollar provides three meals for a hungry neighbor.** Learn more at [www.gcfb.org](http://www.gcfb.org).

### **About ITC Holdings Corp.**

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