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American Express Awards City Harvest \$225,000 Grant

New York, NY – American Express renewed its long-standing support of City Harvest with a grant of \$225,000. The company has supported City Harvest, the world’s first and New York City’s only food rescue organization, in a variety of ways for more than 20 years. This grant will provide funding over three years for the Honor Roll Truck, a key member of City Harvest’s truck fleet, which rescues and distributes food for New York City’s hungry.

“American Express’s continuing support of City Harvest demonstrates a commitment to doing what it takes to feed hungry New Yorkers. Day in and day out, the Honor Roll truck is on hunger’s front lines, helping City Harvest meet the need for emergency food in the communities we serve,” said Jilly Stephens, Executive Director of City Harvest.

City Harvest’s fleet of 16 green and white trucks travels the city streets day and night, seven days a week, rescuing healthy, nutritious food that would otherwise be wasted and delivers it to those in need. Last year, City Harvest distributed 20 million pounds of food to more than 600 community programs, feeding 260,000 New Yorkers a week.

More than one million New Yorkers turn to food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, senior centers and other support programs for food each year. Nearly 350,000 of these are children.

“American Express strongly believes in the responsibility of corporations to give back to the communities in which they operate,” said Curtis Wilson, vice president and general manager, American Express Restaurant Industry Relations. “Service is at the heart of our brand and is a core value to American Express. We are privileged to help support City Harvest in its service to New Yorkers.”

Thanks in part to the American Express grant, the Honor Roll Truck, which picks up food donations from a variety of restaurants, corporate cafeterias, and supermarkets, will distribute 3.9 million pounds over the three years to agencies throughout New York City.

City Harvest will leverage American Express's sponsorship of the truck to attract further support from the restaurant community. The association with American Express has helped City Harvest engage restaurant supporters for both new and continuing

sponsorships. American Express has been a sponsor of City Harvest's Honor Roll Truck since 1995.