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ORIX Foundation Commits \$40,000 to Support Hunger Relief in North Texas

Donation Promised to North Texas Food Banks' Food 4 Kids Program

DALLAS (Oct. 16, 2015) – The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) was awarded a \$40,000 grant on behalf of the ORIX Foundation in collaboration with the Crystal Charity Ball. This generous contribution will support NTFB's *Food 4 Kids* program. *Food 4 Kids* provides chronically hungry children with a backpack filled with kid friendly shelf stable food every Friday during the school year.

"The ORIX Foundation is committed to strengthening the North Texas community by providing essential nutrients to our youngest neighbors," says Josh Mayfield, President and Director of the ORIX Foundation. "We have worked alongside the North Texas Food Bank in the past and look forward to continued collaborations in the future."

According to a new report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Texas has a higher percentage of food-insecure households than the national average and ranks second in the nation in terms of total households struggling with food-insecurity. With one in every four kids in North Texas lacking reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food, the NTFB eagerly seeks innovative and effective solutions to feed hungry children in the community.

"We are grateful for the ORIX Foundation's donation to our *Food 4 Kids* program," says NTFB President and CEO, Jan Pruitt. "This generous gift will provide critical food for children that might otherwise go hungry over the weekend."

The NTFB's *Food 4 Kids* program operates in 330 elementary schools in over 40 school districts throughout North Texas, providing food for the weekend to 11,000 children.

ABOUT ORIX FOUNDATION

ORIX Foundation is a charitable foundation sponsored and managed by ORIX USA Corporation and its employees to advance education, strengthen communities and improve lives. The foundation awards direct grants to not-for-profit organizations and matches the charitable contributions and fundraising of each ORIX USA employee up to \$10,000 each year. Since it was founded in 2009, ORIX Foundation has committed over \$6.3 million to nonprofit organizations primarily in ORIX USA's headquarters region of North Texas. For information, visit www.orixfoundation.org.

ABOUT THE NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK

The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) is a top-ranked nonprofit relief organization. Each day, the North Texas Food Bank provides access to 170,000 meals for hungry children, seniors and families through a network of more than 1,000 programs and more than 200 Partner Agencies. In fiscal year 2014, NTFB provided access to some 62 million meals.

NTFB is a member of Feeding America, a national hunger relief organization.