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News Release

Volunteers of America of Illinois Receives Generous Grant from Niagara Bottling to Support Program for Disadvantaged Children in Joliet

Chicago (February 5, 2016) – Volunteers of America has teamed again with Niagara Bottling, the largest private-label bottled water supplier in the United States, to enhance the lives of disadvantaged children and youth. The relationship began in 2015 with \$300,000 in grants, and continues in 2016 with Niagara providing a \$100,000 grant to Volunteers of America of Illinois' Hope Manor Joliet in Joliet.

“We are tremendously grateful to Niagara for its commitment to our mission of serving our community’s most vulnerable,” said Volunteers of America of Illinois CEO Nancy Hughes Moyer. “With Niagara’s support, we will be able to better the children of the 67 Veteran households that will call Hope Manor Joliet home”.

The grant from Niagara will support the building of the Veterans’ children resource room and provide the bedroom furniture for the children of the Veterans that will reside at Hope Manor Joliet. Hope Manor Joliet will be the first large scale, permanent supportive housing development in the Will County area specifically designed for Veterans with families. Hope Manor Joliet will provide a comprehensive response to the challenges facing Veterans residing in the Will County area who are at-risk of homelessness – especially female Veterans and Veterans with children. All of the units will be dedicated to low-income Veteran-headed households who are homeless or are at-risk of homelessness.

“It’s been an absolute pleasure to work with the Volunteers of America team in our first year of giving,” said Niagara Cares Director Kristen Venick. “We are excited to jump into the second year supporting projects that support vulnerable children and families in our local plant communities, and are looking forward to another impactful year.”

Nationally, Volunteers of America provides high-quality, innovative services for disadvantaged and disconnected children and youth. With a team of caring staff and dedicated volunteers, programs focus on the social, emotional and academic development of young children, and empower older youth to be physically, emotionally and mentally healthy as they enter adulthood. Programs provide a continuum of care and support for young people through prevention, early intervention, crisis intervention and long-term services.

Niagara Cares, a program of Niagara Bottling, is committed to supporting local and national community initiatives by engaging stakeholders and investing resources to benefit disadvantaged children and their

families. Niagara Cares initiatives include national strategic partnerships, local community grants, employee engagement and volunteerism, and the Andrew D. Peykoff, Sr. Scholarship Program. For more information, visit www.niagarawater.com/niagara-cares.

About Volunteers of America of Illinois

Volunteers of America of Illinois is dedicated to helping people of all ages create positive and lasting change in their lives through programs that support, empower and transform. This tradition calls us to seek out and restore hope to those who have been forgotten or left behind. We re-build shattered families and broken communities by bringing real solutions to the most vulnerable populations in Illinois – including veterans in crises, low-income elderly and children in foster care. Bringing real solutions means creating positive and lasting change to more than 1,000 people each year. For more information, please go to www.voaininois.org.

About Niagara Bottling, LLC

Niagara Bottling, LLC has been family owned and operated since 1963. Niagara is headquartered in Ontario, CA, with 20 bottling plants located across 14 states. As the leading manufacturer of private label bottled water in the country, we work closely with the largest retailers, grocers, club and convenience stores throughout the country. Niagara produces a variety of beverages including water, tea, sports drinks, vitamin waters and sparkling beverages. For more information, visit www.niagarawater.com.

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