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Johnston Partnership Receives \$5,000 Community Betterment Grant from Prairie Meadows

Johnston, IA – Johnston Partnership for a Healthy Community has received a \$5,000 grant from Prairie Meadows through its 2014 Community Betterment Grant Program.

The 2014 Prairie Meadows Community Betterment grant award will help make the Johnston Food Pantry a Choice Pantry by remodeling the food pantry space to make room for additional shelving and promote a better shopping experience. In the past, clients have been given a food bag/box containing items volunteers selected from available inventory. Now, clients will be able to select the type(s) of fruits, vegetables, grains, soups and cereals their families will enjoy eating. The grant funds make this grocery store concept possible.

“We are extremely pleased to have received this funding from Prairie Meadows this year,” said Shawna Beron, Program Director. “These funds will help ensure our clients can maintain healthy diets based on their own personal choices.”

The Prairie Meadows Grants Advisory Committee, comprised of community, business and education leaders from the greater Des Moines area, thoroughly review all Community Betterment Grant Applications. After their review the Grant Advisory Committee presents their funding recommendations to the Prairie Meadows Board of Directors for review and approval.

About Prairie Meadows

Prairie Meadows has given more than \$1.4 billion through taxes, grants and charitable donations to the state of Iowa. More than \$600 million of that figure has remained right here in our community to promote economic development, agriculture, jobs and tourism.

About Johnston Partnership

The Johnston Partnership is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a safe, healthy, and nurturing environment for all community members. This is accomplished by promoting community health initiatives and resources, providing opportunities for positive youth development through school-based mentoring and offering human services for the residents of the Johnston area. Presently 125 families and seniors access the food pantry and clothing closet while 93 students are receiving one-on-one mentoring in the school district. Together we are making a difference in Johnston. To learn more, visit our website at www.johnstonpartnership.org.

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