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Johnston Partnership Volunteers Honored with Governor Award

Johnston, IA – Johnston Partnership for a Healthy Community recognizes long-time volunteers Jean Gilbert and Jim Clark, who have logged a combined 424 hours this past year, with this year's Governor's Volunteer Award.

Jean Gilbert of Johnston, IA was nominated by the Johnston Partnership to receive the 2014 Governor's Volunteer Award. Jean is a member of the St Paul Presbyterian Church and has a passion for the work of the Johnston Food Pantry. Jean started volunteering when the Pantry opened in 2010 and helps weekly registering clients and assisting them with their food selections. "Jean is dependable and committed. We value her dedication and passion for the work we do," said Shawna Beron, Program Director.

Jim Clark of Johnston, IA was also nominated by the Johnston Partnership for the Governor's Volunteer Award. Jim started volunteering in January 2012 after retiring from his social work career. "He knocked on our door and wanted to make a difference in the community. He doesn't realize how many lives he's touched with his humor and warm-hearted smile," said Shawna Beron, Program Director. "It was our honor to recognize him."

This year marked the 31st Annual Governor's Volunteer Awards. This prestigious volunteer recognition program began as a small program only available to state governmental agencies and has expanded over the years to provide all Iowa non-profit, charitable and governmental organizations with a way to honor local volunteers with a state-level recognition award. Award recipient criteria include an individual or group who has: demonstrated exceptional commitment to volunteerism by helping with a special project or ongoing activities; demonstrated exemplary leadership, creativity, cooperation and hard work in their service to others; made an outstanding contribution to the state or community through volunteer service.

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. The Johnston Partnership has had the privilege of working with an active volunteer-base of 50 individuals from all walks of life. Together we are making a difference in Johnston. To learn more, visit our website at www.johnstonpartnership.org. ###