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The People of U.S. Sugar Support the Glades Area Food Bank through Multi-Year Partnership with *The Glades Initiative*

Belle Glade, Fla. – In support of *The Glades Initiative*'s Glades Area Food Bank, U.S. Sugar is announcing a multi-year partnership that will help the nonprofit expand its food services throughout the Glades region.

The contribution strengthens the operational capacity of the nonprofit's food services and brings additional food resources to the community. The Glades Area Food Bank utilizes a refrigerated truck and van for picking up food, specialized home delivery service, pantry access, and local drop-offs.

Support from the company began in 2018 and continues through 2021, bringing improvements and new opportunities for reaching even more residents facing hunger in the Glades.

"At its core, U.S. Sugar has always been about growing food and providing resources for our local communities," said U.S. Sugar Community Relations Manager Brannan Thomas. "We are proud to continue this successful partnership with *The Glades Initiative* to help feed more families in need."

"Our Glades Area Food Bank annually provides support to 14 partner agencies in our community that in turn ensure that thousands of families who are food insecure in the Glades have access to food throughout the year," said Jose Jesus Zaragoza, Director of Communications and Advancement at *The Glades Initiative*. "Through U.S. Sugar's generous support, we are able to expand the program's reach and serve more local people."

"The people of U.S. Sugar are an important part of the fabric in the Glades communities," added Thomas. "In the Glades, we take care of our own and this partnership with such a wonderful organization is no exception."

About U.S. Sugar

U.S. Sugar is a farming company that grows sugarcane, citrus, sweet corn and other winter and spring vegetables in South Florida. The company was founded in 1931 by a visionary leader who hailed from a long line of farmers. Since the beginning, the company's success has been rooted in traditional farming values and respect for the land. Today, the company provides more than 2,500 good-paying American jobs, and its local farmers provide nearly 10 percent of all sugar produced in the United States, up to 150 million glasses per year of premium Florida orange juice and nearly half of Florida's sweet corn crop.

About *The Glades Initiative*

The Glades Initiative was created to improve the coordination and effectiveness of the health and human service delivery system in the Glades area of Palm Beach County. The initiative is the local source selected to identify and coordinate the health and human service needs of the community, as well as develop and encourage collaborative relationships to collectively address the community's needs. For more information, please visit <https://www.gladesinitiative.org/>.

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