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**TEAM, Inc. Chosen by**  
**Staples Associate to Receive \$3,500 Grant**  
*Organization Chosen by Local Associate to Benefit from Staples Foundation Grant*

**August 4, 2015** – TEAM, Inc. has been awarded \$3,500 by Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc., under a program that lets Staples associates direct donations.

“TEAM is extremely grateful to the Staples Foundation for their support of TEAM’s Gaining Access to Independence Now Employment Program” stated David Morgan, TEAM President/CEO. “The grant will provide the resources required to offer employment services to low income families in the Lower Naugatuck Valley as they build pathways to success.”

This grant is part of a philanthropic initiative created by Staples Foundation which allows Staples associates around the world to direct funding to non-profit organizations that are focused on education or job skills. The program, called *2 Million and Change*, encourages local community engagement by awarding larger grants to organizations where associates are highly engaged in volunteering or fundraising – up to \$25,000 per organization.

In 2014, Staples awarded more than \$2.4 million in grants to 1,056 local organizations in support of education and job skills programs, including tutoring for pediatric cancer patients, job skills development for individuals with disabilities, school supplies, mentoring and more.

“Staples Foundation is committed to encouraging associates around the globe to make a difference in their local communities and through *2 Million and Change* we enable them to directly support the programs where they personally see the greatest need,” said Katy Dobbs, director of global community and giving for Staples, Inc.

**About TEAM, Inc.**

TEAM provides supportive services to over 5,000 low and moderate-income families in the lower Naugatuck Valley region and Milford. Located in Derby, TEAM programming assists socially and economically vulnerable families to meet their basic needs and become more self-sufficient. Services reach all sectors of the community (e.g. young parents, preschool children, seniors and the working poor) through affordable child development, elderly nutrition, asset development, housing crisis avoidance, energy assistance and senior supports. For more information on TEAM, please visit [www.teaminc.org](http://www.teaminc.org).

**About Staples Community and Giving**

Staples contributes to educational and job-related community efforts with a primary focus on disadvantaged youth, from literacy and mentoring to career skills development, through in-kind and monetary donations and grants from Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc. Through its community and giving efforts, Staples and Staples Foundation have helped more than 7,000 organizations in 26 countries. For more information, visit [www.staples.com/community](http://www.staples.com/community).