



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contacts:

Beth Ann Black, 817-882-7712, bethann.black@weaver.com

**Weaver Private Foundation Names
Buckner International as 2013-14 Charity of Choice**
Weaver employees participate in volunteer opportunities across the state

DALLAS-FORT WORTH, TEXAS (April 18, 2014) – The [Weaver Private Foundation](#) named [Buckner International](#) as the Charity of Choice for the fiscal year 2013-14. The Foundation contributed a total of \$50,000 to the Buckner Children and Family Programs in communities where [Weaver](#), the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest, has offices. Weaver employees participated in volunteer activities supporting local Buckner programs across Texas.

Buckner programs for this project included Buckner Villas in Austin, Buckner Children’s Home and Buckner Center for Humanitarian Aid in Dallas, the Mobile Food Pantry and Agape Meal in Fort Worth, Parkway Place and Aldine Family Hope Center in Houston, Buckner Foster Care and Adoption in Midland and Odessa and Buckner Children and Family Services in San Antonio.

“A goal of the Weaver Private Foundation is to promote community involvement by providing enriching opportunities for our employees. As a firm we came together to serve each of our communities,” said Andy Freundlich, assurance partner and a Foundation board member.

Together Weaver employees helped Buckner by providing more than 380 volunteer hours for local programs across Texas.

In Austin, the Weaver volunteers assembled patio furniture and planted flower bulbs and trees at Buckner Villas retirement home. In Dallas, volunteers packed away Christmas toys and decorations at Buckner Children’s Home and sorted, packed and processed items for international distribution at Buckner Center for Humanitarian Aid. Volunteers set up tables and organized food at the Mobile Food Pantry and assisted serving food at Agape Meal in Fort Worth to around 175 homeless individuals. In Houston, Weaver volunteers incorporated a western theme while they played games with and served a barbeque lunch to Parkway Place Retirement Community residents and organized and sorted donated items at the Aldine Family Hope Center. In Midland and Odessa, volunteers toured the Petroleum Museum with Buckner Children and Family Services participants and then served lunch. Gathering at a local playground near Buckner Children and Family Services in San Antonio, volunteers covered the playground with fresh mulch, cleaned the playground of graffiti and planted flowerbeds near the Buckner Food Pantry.

“Weaver is pleased to support Buckner International and each Buckner program in the communities where we live and work,” said Tommy Lawler, managing partner and CEO. “When

our employees participate in hands-on activities, they can see how the Foundation gives back to their own community.”

“Buckner is grateful for the support from Weaver and its employees, who provided help and hope to the people we serve all over Texas,” said Albert Reyes, Buckner International president and CEO. “Thanks to their time and generosity, Buckner is able to serve even more vulnerable children, families and seniors.”

About the Weaver Private Foundation

The [Weaver Private Foundation](#) (Foundation) was created to sponsor organizations, events and programs in the communities in which our employees live and work. The Foundation’s efforts emphasize the firm’s commitment to community involvement and employee work/life balance. Because Weaver employees value community involvement in their professional and personal lives, it is the goal of the Foundation to involve our employees in the contributions made and the efforts represented.

About Buckner International

[Buckner International](#) is a global, faith-based ministry dedicated to transforming the lives of orphans, vulnerable children, families and elders in the United States and around the world. Founded in 1879 in Dallas, Texas, today Buckner serves people worldwide through a variety of programs designed to protect children and build strong families. These programs include foster care and adoption, family transition programs, community-based family preservation programs and retirement services for the elderly. Buckner also provides humanitarian aid and crisis relief to poverty-stricken families in the United States and worldwide.