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THORNTONS GIVES BACK TO COMMUNITY
Partners with Dare to Care Food Bank

Louisville, KY, March 30, 2011 – Thorntons is very excited to announce that they have partnered with Dare to Care Food Bank to help prepare foods for distribution for the Kentuckiana area. Thorntons team members volunteered their time, and sorted and packed over 12,000 pounds of canned goods and other items at the Dare to Care Food Bank in Louisville last Wednesday, March 23rd.

Dare to Care Food Bank's mission is to lead the community to feed the hungry and conquer the cycle of need. They are an independent, nonprofit, Kentucky corporation with 501(C)(3) tax-exempt status. Dare to Care procured and distributed 14 million pounds of food last year, including 4 million pounds of fresh produce. This food was delivered to 192,000 individuals in Kentuckiana through Dare to Care's partnerships with over 300 independent food pantries, emergency kitchens, and shelters. Dare to Care's special programs include Kids Cafes at 14 afterschool locations and Backpack Buddy weekend nutrition program at 34 local elementary schools.

“At Thorntons we are very passionate about giving back to the communities that we serve”, stated Matt Thornton, President and CEO of Thorntons Inc. “This is just another way where our team members can contribute and give back their time and talents to the local community.”

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Founded by Kentucky native James H. Thornton in 1971, Thorntons Inc. is one of the leading independent gasoline and convenience chain retailers in the U.S., currently operating throughout the Midwest under the brand name **Thorntons**. With over \$1.4 billion in revenue, Thorntons is one of the largest privately held corporations in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, Thorntons operates 163 gasoline and convenience stores, car washes and travel plazas in five states: Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Tennessee. Thorntons distributes its petroleum products through its wholly owned Thornton Transportation Company and operates a river bulk storage terminal in Louisville. In 2008 Thorntons ranked number 250 among Forbes magazine's 500 largest privately held companies. For more information visit www.thorntonsinc.com and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/thorntonsinc and Twitter at www.twitter.com/thorntonsinc.