



Media Advisory: December 16, 2015

Media Photo Opportunity:

Thorntons to Hold Ribbon Cutting and Check Presentation to Moscow Missions Event to take place at the Springdale, Ohio store on Thurs., Dec. 17 at 5 p.m.

- WHAT: Thorntons Inc. announces the grand opening of its newest store located at 12185 Princeton Pike, Springdale, Ohio, 45246. An official ribbon cutting and check presentation to Moscow Missions will take place. Proceeds will go toward purchasing food for over 200 families in which they serve.
- **WHEN:** Ribbon cutting and check presentation, Thursday Dec. 17 at 5 p.m. Store opening, Friday, Dec. 18 at 6 a.m.
- WHO: Rob Hammond, Vice President of Store Operations, Thorntons Inc. Mayor Doyle Webster of Springdale, Ohio Chris Maus, President, Moscow Missions
- WHERE: 12185 Princeton Pike Springdale, Ohio 45246
- **WHY:** As part of its ongoing commitment to the community, Thorntons, Inc. has chosen to benefit Moscow Missions during this grand opening celebration. There will be a special check presented to the group on Thursday.

"Moscow pantry provides supplemental food for close to 200 families and month," Chris Maus, President of Moscow Missions said. "Thorntons donation is very appreciated not only from us, but those families who are touched by the generosity."

This store is the next in a series of stores that are focused on Thorntons, Inc. not only being a place to fuel up, but also a food and beverage destination.

This store will offer 'hot off the grill' convenience food items, an assortment of hot, cold and frozen beverages, exceptional quality food and grocery items at economical prices.

The store will open to the public on Friday, Dec. 18 at 6 a.m. As part of the Grand Opening celebration, 100 lucky customers will receive pre-loaded Refreshing Rewards cards with one featuring FREE gas for a year.

About Thorntons:

Thorntons is based in Louisville, Kentucky and currently operates 183 stores that provide fuel, fresh foods, high quality beverages, car washes and travel plazas in six states: Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and Florida. Founded by James Thornton in 1971, the company has been recognized nationally as one of the top independent gasoline and convenience stores chains. For more information visit <u>www.thorntonsinc.com</u> and follow us on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/thorntonsinc</u> and Twitter at <u>www.twitter.com/thorntonsinc</u>.

About Refreshing Rewards®

Launched in 2014, Thorntons' Refreshing Rewards® is a customer loyalty program that provides guests with discounts on gas and rewards based on their number of visits, not the dollar amount spent. More than 1,000,000 Refreshing Reward® card users are already registered. Learn more about Thorntons Refreshing Rewards® at <u>www.thorntonsinc.com</u>.

About Moscow Missions:

Moscow Missions food pantry was founded after the tornado that struck Moscow, Ohio on March 2, 2012. We realized that there were many families in need of continued help meeting basic needs. As funding is provided our vision is to reach out into the surrounding communities to provide life skill training in how to grow, prepare and store produce; provide welding and car repair classes. Our hope is to motivate people to provide for themselves through support, education and love.