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The Ball Foundation, Ball and its Employees Donate More Than $4 Million in 2014

BROOMFIELD, Colo., March 12, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- The Ball Foundation, Ball Corporation (NYSE: BLL) and its employees donated more than $4 million to charitable organizations in the communities where Ball operates in 2014.

The company's employee matching gifts and dollars for doers program grew in 2014 to $2.1 million (up from $1.4 million in 2013). Employees also logged nearly 18,000 hours of volunteer service. This employee-focused program, called the Ball Community Ambassadors, supports and encourages employees to donate to and volunteer for the causes that matter to them. In the U.S. and Canada, employees can receive up to $5,000 a year in matching from the corporation.

Also in the U.S., The Ball Foundation invested $1.5 million into community programs that create a positive, measurable impact in education, recycling, food security and disaster relief.

Ball's plants around the world also donated $467,000 to causes in their local communities and organized community events such as recycling, coat and food drives.

"Ball's commitment to the communities where we operate spans the globe," said Kathleen Pitre, director of corporate relations and executive director of The Ball Foundation. "Ball and its employees have a genuine passion for making a positive impact in communities from Bonn, Germany, to Boulder, Colorado."

About The Ball Foundation
The Ball Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, private foundation. Founded in December 2010, the Ball Foundation's mission is to provide financial support to nonprofit organizations that sustain the communities in which we live and operate by improving and promoting education, recycling, disaster relief and food security. For more information about the Ball Foundation, please visit www.ball.com/ball-foundation.

About Ball Corporation
Ball Corporation supplies innovative, sustainable packaging solutions for beverage, food and household products customers, as well as aerospace and other technologies and services primarily for the U.S. government. Ball Corporation and its subsidiaries employ 14,500 people worldwide and reported 2014 sales of $8.6 billion. For more information, visit

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