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**TOP 'TEER Honors FONA International for Giving Back to Its Neighbors**

Geneva, IL, Nov. 9, 2012 - FONA International was named a TOP 'TEER award winner, honoring the "outstanding local impact" its employee volunteer efforts have on the community.

"Volunteering is part of the culture here at FONA," said Lindsey Clark, Benefits Specialist at FONA International. "FONA was founded on seven core values, one of which is 'Do the Right Thing.' Volunteering is just an extension of that."

"We are very grateful for the support FONA and its employees provide us," said Tia Claffy, Volunteer Manager at Northern Illinois Food Bank, the organization that nominated FONA for the award. "Over the past three years, more than 150 of their employees have volunteered, providing over 400 hours of service."

TOP 'TEER is an annual designation that celebrates Chicago's small businesses (15 to 1000 employees) that have made an outstanding local volunteering impact in their communities. It is sponsored by Teer1, a consultancy that helps companies to create a solid foundation for employee volunteering.

**ABOUT FONA INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

Founded in 1987, FONA International creates and manufactures flavors for many of the largest food, beverage, nutraceutical and pharmaceutical companies in the world from its state-of-the-art, 33-acre campus in Geneva, IL. FONA International has established a reputation as the forward-thinking, independent solution provider in the very competitive flavor industry. [www.fona.com](http://www.fona.com)

**About TOP 'TEER**

TOP 'TEER is an annual designation that celebrates Chicago's small businesses (15 to 1000 employees) that have made the greatest local volunteering impact in their communities. These companies have developed structured and sustainable employee volunteer programs that encourage employees to be the best 'teers they can be. Teer1 established the TOP 'TEER distinction to applaud and endorse these programs and to discover and champion the best of their best practices. For more information, visit [TopTeer.com](http://TopTeer.com).

**About Teer1**

Teer1 is a consultancy that helps companies to create a solid foundation for employee volunteering. We license a software platform that lets users can encourage, manage and leverage volunteering activities. Employees maximize charitable impact and personal satisfaction, while companies receive substantial ROI. For more information, visit [Teer1.com](http://Teer1.com).

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