## MNAO TODAY REPORTED AUGUST U.S. SALES OF 29,938 VEHICLES, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 4.4 PERCENT VERSUS LAST YEAR.

## MAZDA FOUNDATION PROVIDES GRANT TO FARM SHARE, INC.

HOMESTEAD, FL. (August 31, 2015) — Farm Share, Inc. and the Mazda Foundation announced today that Mazda Foundation has made a \$20,000.00 grant to Farm Share for transportation-related costs, including fuel and truck maintenance. Established in 1991, Farm Share is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to recovering, sorting, packing, and distributing nutritious food to people in need across the state of Florida. Many of the agencies Farm Share supplies are small non-profits, including church food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and community centers, run by volunteers. Farm Share also distributes food directly to families in need through its direct-community distribution program.

Farm Share works with Florida farmers to prevent food waste and distribute healthy food, including fruit, vegetables, milk, bread, and juices, to those who need it most. Last year, Farm Share had a record-breaking year, distributing 32,804,399 pounds of food and serving over 4 million households packages across the state of Florida. Transportation-related costs, such as fuel and truck maintenance, are major expenses for Farm Share as it takes an extensive fleet of semi-trucks, trailers, and box trucks, operating six days a week, to recover and distribute millions of pounds of fresh food each year. This \$20,000.00 grant will help to keep our trucks maintained and provide fuel to increase the number of loads we are able to recover.

Through the Mazda Foundation, Mazda and its employees are working together to proactively help our neighbors – and the communities where we live and work – to build a better, brighter future. With contributions exceeding \$8 million since its founding in 1992, the Mazda Foundation is playing a meaningful role in helping thousands of Americans realize their aspirations and dreams. It's also important to note that programs the Mazda Foundation supports range from children's organizations and educational scholarships to food banks, environmental programs and crucial disaster relief efforts. To learn more, visit Mazdafoundation.org.

For more information about Farm Share, volunteering, or becoming a partner agency please visit farmshare.org, Twitter <u>@farmsharefl</u>, or facebook <u>@farmshare.fl</u>.

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