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**Two \$25,000 Contributions Kickstart Glass Recycling Foundation's Fundraising Drive**

**ANN ARBOR, MI** (February 6, 2020)— Today, the Glass Recycling Foundation (GRF) announced two major donations totaling \$50,000 from the Owens-Illinois (O-I) Charities Foundation and Diageo North America. The contributions will advance GRF through pilot projects which are leveraging best practices to improve glass recycling.

"We are proud to partner with the Glass Recycling Foundation in advancing community efforts to increase glass recycling. The environment is a focus for the O-I Charities Foundation and this effort, in particular, will help raise the recycled content in future glass containers while also reducing waste and glass' carbon footprint," said Jim Adams, Board Member for the Owens-Illinois Charities Foundation.

'We are confident that these contributions will unlock more investment and partnership opportunities to start funding scalable projects for effective glass recycling. As a company committed to protect the environment and promote responsible packaging, at Diageo we are very excited to see progress being made in the Foundation's agenda,' said Ronald Holmes, Packaging Director at Diageo North America and GRF Executive Board member

"The Foundation is grateful to the O-I Charities Foundation and Diageo North America for their support and commitment to glass recycling in the U.S.," said Lynn Bragg, GRF Board President. "The need for funding is significant; these initial contributions will set the stage for us to consider private-public funding opportunities, pilot projects and educational outreach needs regarding glass recycling."

For more information about the Glass Recycling Foundation visit [www.GlassRecyclingFoundation.org](http://www.GlassRecyclingFoundation.org).

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GRF Board members, Pat Grasso, Jim Nordmeyer, Scott DeFife, Laura Hennemann, Ron Holmes, Mary Ann Remolador accept \$25,000 check from Diageo.

### **About The Glass Recycling Foundation**

The [Glass Recycling Foundation](#), a 501c3 non-profit organization, was founded in April of 2019 to provide and raise funds for localized and targeted assistance, demonstration, and pilot projects that address gaps in the glass recycling supply chain across the United States.

The Glass Recycling Foundation works closely with the [Glass Recycling Coalition](#), an organization that has championed glass recycling education, best practices, and technical support for communities, in identified targeted areas. The organization has focused on opportunities to make an impact on glass recycling on a local-level, and GRF will support these efforts for scalable projects.

### **About O-I**

At OI Glass, Inc. (NYSE: OI), we love glass and we're proud to make more of it than any other glass bottle or jar producer in the world. We love that it's beautiful, pure and completely recyclable. With global headquarters in Perrysburg, Ohio, we are the preferred partner for many of the world's leading food and beverage brands. Working hand and hand with our customers, we give our passion and expertise to make their bottles iconic and help build their brands around the world. With more than 26,500 people at 78 plants in 23 countries, O-I has a global impact, achieving revenues of \$6.9 billion in 2018. For more information, visit [o-i.com](http://o-i.com).

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