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Opportunity International Earns Prestigious 4-Star Rating from Charity Navigator for Second Consecutive Year

Chicago – June 2, 2016 – Opportunity International's dedication to sound financial management and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest and most respected evaluator of charities. This is the second consecutive year Opportunity International has earned this top distinction.

Founded in 2001, Charity Navigator used an unbiased, objective, numbers-based rating system to assess charities. Their goal is "to show donors how efficiently a charity will use their support today, how well it has sustained its programs and services over time and their level of commitment to good governance, best practices and openness with information."

Last year, more than 7 million people visited the Charity Navigator website, which has received praise for its accurate, comprehensive ratings from TIME Magazine, Forbes, Reader's Digest, BusinessWeek and other leading media.

"We work hard every day to not only maintain a high level of trust and confidence among donors but to deliver the highest possible rate of return and human impact from every dollar invested in us," said Vicki Escarra, Global CEO, Opportunity International. "We are thankful to receive this 4-star rating that demonstrates our commitment to fiscal responsibility, accountability and transparency for the second year in a row. It also highlights our strong commitment to helping clients break the cycle of poverty, and strengthen their families and communities."

Opportunity International's rating and other information about charitable giving are available free of charge on www.charitynavigator.org.

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ABOUT OPPORTUNITY INTERNATIONAL

Opportunity International is a global non-profit organization that helps people in developing nations work their way out of poverty, transform their lives and strengthen their families and communities. Founded in 1971, the organization has provided more than \$9 billion in loans to help clients launch and expand businesses, provide for their children and create jobs in their communities. Today, more than 14 million people in 24 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe, are using an Opportunity International loan, savings account or insurance policy to improve their lives. More than 95 percent of Opportunity's loan clients are women who would otherwise never have access to financial services because of legal and cultural gender inequities in most developing nations. The global headquarters of Opportunity International are in Chicago, with other key offices in Australia, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, Singapore, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. The organization serves clients through a network of more than 20,000 people worldwide. Discover more at opportunity.org.

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