

Supporting Our Men and Women in Uniform

At Walmart, we appreciate the service and sacrifice of our nation's military men and women, their families and our veterans. We strive to support their heroism in a variety of ways, and have traditionally worked to understand and address some of the specific and special unmet needs facing the military community. Following are a few examples of the Walmart's recent military support:

- **Fisher House** – Walmart provided \$5,000 gift cards to each of the nation's 36 Fisher Houses through "Operation Deck the Walls" to provide a home away from home for family members of wounded veterans. Associates from Walmart stores and Sam's Clubs across the country visited each of the U.S.-based Fisher Houses for a Christmas decorating party to provide holiday décor for the house and food and gifts for family members. Fisher House managers were also invited to a shopping spree at their nearest Walmart or Sam's Club to purchase items for their houses and families.
- **Sesame Workshop** - Through donations totaling \$1.75 million, the Wal-Mart Foundation partnered with Sesame Workshop, the organization behind Sesame Street, to develop bilingual (English/Spanish) outreach kits for young children of the U.S. Armed Services, National Guard and Reserves. The kits help military children and families manage common challenges, including possible anxiety caused by a parent's deployment or reunion after a period of absence, frequent relocation and other difficult issues these children face.
- **Operation Homefront** – The Wal-Mart Foundation awarded a \$100,000 grant as well as \$5,000 in merchandise to Operation Homefront Village, an organization devoted to providing transitional housing for the families of wounded soldiers as they are treated at nearby military medical centers. The donation supported two, two-bedroom apartments and the existing community center at Operation Homefront Village.
- **Operation Military Connect** – The Wal-Mart Foundation partnered with Cisco, Verizon Business, SkyPort Communications and the USO to offer families separated by the war in Iraq a chance to re-connect via TelePresence. The technology linked participants from two remote bases in Iraq to those at Walmart stores near Camp Pendleton in Temecula, Calif., and Fort Drum in Evan Mills, N.Y.
- **American Council on Education** – Wal-Mart Foundation has awarded the American Council on Education a \$2.5 million grant to support successful veterans education programs across the country. Through a competitive grant program, ACE will identify and reward 20 institutions that operate model programs advancing access and success in higher education for veterans and their families.
- **Student Veterans of America** - The Wal-Mart Foundation awarded a \$100,000 grant to Student Veterans of America (SVA). The grant will help SVA establish additional chapters and support student veteran advocates on campuses across the country.
- **National Center on Family Homelessness** - The Wal-Mart Foundation has donated \$485,000 to the National Center on Family Homelessness (NCFH) to create *Support Programs for Veterans' Families* in California and Oregon. The programs are designed to ensure the availability of high-quality, culturally relevant emotional health and family support services to families of veterans.
- **World War II Memorial** – Walmart was the largest corporate contributor to the National World War II Memorial. Walmart raised and contributed \$14 million to help build the memorial.
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)** - Walmart has enjoyed a long relationship with the VFW Foundation. Last year, Walmart and the VFW teamed up with recycling company Sustainable Solutions, Inc. and Hallmark Greeting Cards to recycle nearly 1 million of Walmart's retired blue vests into greeting cards for troops serving overseas. Walmart also recycled nearly 30,000 retired blue vests into 5,500 lap blankets for injured soldiers returning from wars zones and other veterans at VA hospitals and homes.
- **America Supports You** - Walmart has been a proud member of the "America Supports You" team for the past three years. This campaign reaches Americans at home and military personnel around the world by highlighting the support and gratitude extended to the brave men and women serving in harms way.