

## 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:

### Military Family and Transitional Support

The Walmart Foundation recognizes that those who are returning from service overseas as well as their family members face significant challenges as they adjust to life back at home. The following grants are a few examples of our ongoing efforts to serve the needs of military families and returning veterans:

- **Sesame Workshop** – Through donations totaling \$1.75 million, the Walmart 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 and Wreaths Across America**: As part of the "Walmart Gives Back" campaign, Walmart donated \$1.1 million to provide more than 10,000 military children with toys and books for the holidays. The donation also provided Walmart gift cards to more than 1,550 military families in 30 cities and 1,000 gift packages to caregivers of wounded military. Additionally, Wreaths Across America was able to purchase, transport and lay 16,000 wreaths at national cemeteries to honor fallen heroes.
- **National Center on Family Homelessness** – The Walmart Foundation has donated over \$1 million to the National Center on Family Homelessness (NCFH) to support their *Community Circles of Support for Veterans' Families* initiative. The objective of this program is to fill the gap in services by improving high-quality emotional health and family support services for veterans and their families through integrated community support programming.
- **Veterans Green Jobs** – The Walmart Foundation awarded nearly \$750,000 to Veterans Green Jobs to support the development of four training sites which will help veterans develop green job training skills. The training sites – which will be built in Washington, Colorado, New Mexico and Louisiana – will assist many of the nearly two million returned or returning military personnel facing the challenging task of reintegrating into civilian life.

### Veterans' Education

The Walmart Foundation is committed to providing support to our nation's veterans as they pursue their educational goals. Recent grants included in these efforts are:

- **American Council on Education (ACE)** – The Walmart Foundation awarded ACE a \$2.5 million grant to support successful veterans education programs across the country. Through a competitive grant process, ACE awarded 20 Success for Veterans grants of \$100,000 to institutions across the U.S. operating model programs advancing access and success in higher education for veterans and their families.
- **Give an Hour** – The Walmart Foundation awarded a \$100,000 grant to Give an Hour. The grant will mobilize the Give an Hour provider network in Student Veterans of America (SVA) chapter communities to ensure that veterans pursuing higher-education opportunities have access to the professional mental health services that Give an Hour provides.

- **Student Veterans of America** – The Walmart 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.
- **Grants for Veterans Education Programs** – The Walmart Foundation awarded 10 colleges and universities with \$100,000 grants each to build programs and develop resources to support veterans with access to higher education and success in completing their degrees.

## **Injured Veterans Support**

The Walmart Foundation believes that we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to our men and women in uniform, especially those who have been wounded in the line of duty. Recent examples of our efforts to serve those who have been injured in the course of their military service are:

- **American Council on Education (ACE)** – The Walmart Foundation granted \$250,000 to ACE in order to support and expand ACE's *Severely Injured Veterans; Fulfilling Their Dreams Program*. The program supports educational consulting to injured veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan and their families as they explore options to advance their education and career opportunities.
- **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.
- **Operation Homefront Village** – The Walmart Foundation awarded a \$100,000 grant as well as \$5,000 in merchandise to support Operation Homefront Village, a program 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.