

## The Walmart Foundation: Hunger Relief Fact Sheet

At Walmart, we understand the importance of supporting the communities we serve and we are committed to helping families in need. In 2008 alone, Walmart, Sam's Club and the Walmart Foundation gave \$378 million to communities across the U.S. In June 2009, the Walmart Foundation donated \$7.8 million to support food banks and provide healthy, summer meals to children who receive free or reduced-price lunches during the school year. This holiday season, the Walmart Foundation launches the "Walmart Gives Back" campaign as part of its effort to eradicate hunger in America. The campaign includes 35 donated refrigerator food trucks to Feeding America which will enable the food banks to transport up to 52.5 million pounds of food, the equivalent of 41 million additional meals, per year. In addition, the Walmart Foundation will award Meals On Wheels a \$2.2 million grant to help its 140 chapters across the U.S. provide nutritious meals to individuals and families who are elderly, homebound, disabled, frail or otherwise at risk.

### About the Need for Hunger Relief in the United States:

In 2008, 99 percent of Feeding America's food banks said that demand for food in communities across the U.S. has risen by an average of 30 percent. Walmart is working to address this increased need through a three-pronged approach that includes:

- Food donation
- Support of local hunger relief organizations
- National funding and capacity building

### About Walmart's Food Donation Program:

Walmart's food donation program takes food that is still safe for consumption off of Walmart shelves, and delivers it to neighborhood food banks. The food – which consists of nutritious servings of produce, deli meat, beef, chicken, dairy and other groceries – is then given to needy families, often in less than 24 hours.

In November 2008, the program began rolling out to Walmart supercenters and Neighborhood Markets across the U.S.. Walmart stores and Sam's Club locations have donated more than **90 million pounds of food – the equivalent of 70 million meals** – to Feeding America food banks, exceeding the company's goal and making Walmart Feeding America's largest food donor. To date, the company's food donation program has provided more than 59.8 million pounds of fresh produce, meat and other nutritious foods to U.S. food banks.

### About National Funding to Support Hunger Relief:

Since first partnering with Feeding America in 2005, the Walmart Foundation has provided more than \$14.5 million in cash donations to the non-profit organization. This year, the Walmart Foundation made a \$3 million commitment to Feeding America in that will deliver 35 new refrigerator trucks to food banks across the U.S., enabling donated food to be safely transported to food pantries, soup kitchens and other Feeding America agencies. Additional support from the Walmart Foundation includes:

- **Meals On Wheels Association of American (MOWAA)** – During the 2009 holiday season, the Walmart Foundation will award Meals On Wheels a \$2.2 million grant to help its 140 chapters across the U.S. provide nutritious meals to individuals and families who are elderly, homebound, disabled, frail or otherwise at risk. The Walmart Foundation also donated \$750,000 in 2008 to help Meals On Wheels programs restore senior's nutrition services and help cure the disease of senior hunger that is plaguing America today.
- In November 2008, the Walmart Foundation contributed **\$2.5 million to Feeding America** to help improve the organization's warehouse capacity and purchase 20 new refrigerated trucks to safely transport food from Walmart stores to food pantries, soup kitchens and other Feeding America agencies.
- A **\$1.5 million contribution to Feeding America** in April 2008, which provided 16 million meals and added thousands of children to Feeding America's BackPack program.
- A **\$1 million contribution to Feeding America** in December 2007, which sent trucks filled with food to a Feeding America food bank in every state in the country.

- This donation came in response to a call to action sent out by Feeding America to help stave off a holiday food bank shortage. Walmart was the first corporation in the country to respond to the call to action, and its contribution accounted for more than 25 percent of the nearly 12 million meals needed.

### About Summer Feeding Programs in the United States:

In 2007, the USDA reported that 2.4 million children lived in households considered to be food insecure. When schools close their doors for summer vacation, more than 12 million children who qualify to receive a free or reduced price lunch during the academic year will be deprived of this vital meal.

Through a \$1.2 million grant from the Walmart Foundation, Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) will be able to provide healthy meals to more than 93,000 children, who would have otherwise gone without food over the summer. These grants will allow 350 local Boys & Girls Clubs chapters to aid the increasing number of Americans who lean on hunger relief organizations to provide for their families during difficult financial periods.

### About Support of Local Hunger Relief Organizations:

The Walmart Foundation brings the company's commitment of operating globally and giving back locally to life. This philosophy is evident in the work the retailer is doing to help feed the nation's hungry. From February to June 2009, the Walmart Foundation contributed more than \$2.1 million toward the fight against hunger at the state and local levels through "State Giving" grants to hunger relief organizations across the country, including local funding to soup kitchens, food banks and other hunger-focused initiatives. Recent donations include:

- In June 2009, the Walmart Foundation announced that **non profits in the 10 states where children are most at risk of hunger** will receive \$250,000 in grants to aid summer feeding programs states: Texas, Mississippi, the District of Columbia, Tennessee, Arizona, South Carolina, Louisiana, Missouri, Maine and North Carolina, according to Feeding America.
- **Michigan Food Bank Council** – A \$370,000 donation from the Walmart Foundation works to keep shelves stocked at the state's regional food banks, which support food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters in all 82 Michigan counties. Additionally, the Michigan Food Bank Council has used the grant announcement to call additional attention to the increased demand for food assistance across the state.
- **Food Bank Association of New York** – A \$322,000 donation from the Walmart Foundation was distributed to each of the food bank association's eight affiliates in grants of approximately \$40,000. These dollars allowed each respective food bank to supply food to hundreds of food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. In Western New York these dollars were used to provide and distribute food to more than 200 emergency providers in Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara counties.
- **Arkansas Rice Depot** – A \$100,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation works to support the Arkansas Rice Depot's "Our Food for Kids" program, which serves over 20,000 students in 575 schools (over half the public schools in the state).
- Other local donations of note include:
  - **Ohio Association of Second Harvest Food Banks** – \$300,000
  - **Illinois Food Bank Association** – \$250,000
  - **Oregon Food Bank** – \$250,000