



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 launched 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.

About National Funding to Support Hunger Relief:

The Walmart Foundation supports organizations such as Feeding America, Meals on Wheels Association of America and other hunger relief organizations at the national level. These grants are aimed at helping increase organizational capacity to provide food to those in need. Examples of recent national hunger relief support include:

- **Feeding America** – In 2009, the Walmart Foundation made a **\$3 million commitment to Feeding America** that delivered 35 new refrigerator trucks to food banks across the U.S. In 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. These investments enabled Feeding America to safely transport donated food to food pantries, soup kitchens and other Feeding America agencies. A **\$1 million contribution to Feeding America** in 2007 sent trucks filled with food to a Feeding America food bank in every U.S. state. 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.
- **Meals On Wheels Association of American (MOWAA)** – In 2009, the Walmart Foundation awarded **MOWAA a \$2.2 million** grant to help its 140 programs across the U.S. provide nutritious meals to individuals and families who are elderly, homebound, disabled, frail or otherwise at risk. In 2008, the Walmart Foundation also donated **\$750,000 to help Meals On Wheels** programs restore nutrition services for seniors and help cure the disease of senior hunger that is plaguing America today.

- **Summer Feeding Program Support** – In 2009, the USDA reported that over 17 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 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA)**, the Walmart Foundation helped provide healthy meals to more than 93,000 children, who would have otherwise gone without food in the summer of 2009. In 2008, the Walmart Foundation contributed **\$1.5 million to Feeding America** which provided 16 million meals and added thousands of children to Feeding America's BackPack program.

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. In 2009, the Walmart Foundation contributed more than \$3.8 million toward the fight against hunger 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