

Wal-Mart Gives Back to our International Communities

Community: We believe in a philosophy of operating globally and giving back locally. We know we can make the greatest impact on our communities by supporting causes that are important to our customers and our neighborhoods. **In 2008, Wal-Mart international operations and corporate foundations donated more than \$45 million to our communities around the world. International associates and customers contributed an additional \$29 million through company sponsored fundraising activities. Examples of our international community involvement activities are below.**



Wal-Mart Argentina provides food and funding to feed 11,800 persons at 29 public soup-kitchens through Caritas Argentina and other institutions. During 2008, the company donated more than \$55,000 to this program and other local organizations to develop nutritional programs. Wal-Mart Argentina also donates to schools, social centers, churches and other institutions in order to meet local needs.

Wal-Mart Brazil works with food banks throughout the country to distribute food to the hungry. Through the

“Mesa Brasil” program, operated by Serviço Social do Comércio, Wal-Mart Brazil donated approximately 3,500 tons of food in 2008. The program also instructs organizations on how to ensure food quality and reduce spoilage during transport.

Wal-Mart Canada, through corporate donations and fundraising, provided \$6.3 million to children’s hospitals across Canada through Wal-Mart’s annual Children’s Miracle Network campaign in 2008. Wal-Mart Canada donated \$800,000 and raised an additional \$5.5 million for the cause.



Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. pledged more than \$3 million to support relief and reconstruction efforts in the aftermath of the Sichuan earthquakes in May 2008. As part of this pledge, **Wal-Mart China** committed \$878,000 to the rebuilding of schools damaged in the earthquake through the Sichuan Schools project, \$732,000 to the countryside clinic program and \$366,000 to purchase ambulances in the earthquake zone. Wal-Mart China associates, customers and suppliers also worked together to raise more than \$732,000 for earthquake relief. **Seiyu**, our operations in Japan, also raised more than \$30,000 to support those affected by the earthquake in China.

Wal-Mart Central America operations donated and raised more than \$1.5 million for local communities in 2008. Through Dulce Ayuda "Sweet Help" programs, stores raised funds for a variety of local causes such as the Libras de Amor Program to benefit children and nursing women who live in rural areas of El Salvador, the Aldo Castaneda Foundation which provides medical treatment for underprivileged children

suffering from heart malformations in Guatemala, and the neonatal department at the Hospital Bertha Calderon in Nicaragua.

Wal-Mart operations in India adopted four schools for underprivileged children, the Satya Bharti Schools, in Amritsar, Punjab. The company also launched the Bharti Wal-Mart Training Centre in Punjab, offering students world-class skills training and exposure to best practices in retail and cash-and-carry operations. All students receive 100 percent scholarships, and the center can support approximately 125 students per month.



In 2008, the **Wal-Mart Mexico Foundation** financed the establishment of 1,634 vegetable gardens, orchards and family farms that supply food and income to more than 3,230 people in Oaxaca, Puebla, Guerrero, Veracruz and state of Mexico. The Foundation also supports a program to teach grade school students about the benefits of an active lifestyle and healthy eating habits. More than 13,000 children participate in the program.

Wal-Mart Puerto Rico launched the “Keep a Soul Warm” campaign during the 2008 holiday season. In alliance with Iniciativa Comunitaria, customers were able to buy blankets for those in need.

ASDA contributed more than \$4.6 million to local charities across the United Kingdom in 2008 through various local initiatives and community programs. Projects include restoring the playground at the Haslingden Primary school and purchasing a mini-bus for special needs children at Bothwell Park School in Motherwell. ASDA also supports the National Kwik Cricket Programme to help promote cricket and healthy eating to children. Approximately 12,000 schools took part in the program in 2008, with 140,000 children participating in the cricket competition and more than 30,000 children educated about healthy eating habits.

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