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New Sam's Club To Generate More Than \$1 Million In Sales Tax Revenue For City Of Columbus

Grand opening activities will include ribbon cutting ceremony with more than \$34,000 in charitable contributions.

Columbus, Ind.–January 26, 2006 –Entrepreneurs throughout the City of Columbus have been on pins and needles in anticipation of the opening of an all new SAM'S CLUB, located at 2715 Merchants Mile, which will serve small business owners and general consumers throughout Bartholomew County. The Club will commemorate the occasion with a special ribbon cutting this Thursday, January 26, at 9:30 a.m. Grant recipients, local dignitaries, and enthused small business owners are all expected to join Club associates, small business owners and local dignitaries in the festivities.

“We are in business for small business and businesses in Columbus will play an integral part in our success,” said Russell Lewis, general manager at the Columbus SAM'S CLUB. “The quality luxury merchandise and additional benefits we offer help to ensure that small businesses in the community continue to thrive for years to come.”

The Columbus SAM'S CLUB will feature several departments including, Tire and Batteries, Café, 1 Hour Photo, rotisserie, bakery, optical, pharmacy, floral, jewelry, frozen foods, fresh produce, choice meats, car wash and gasoline station.

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Columbus Good Works Grant Recipients

United Way of Bartholomew County
Foundation for Youth of Bartholomew County
Bartholomew County Retirement Foundation
Lincoln-Central Neighborhood Family Center
Hoosier Council Boy Scout Council
Columbus Area Arts Council
American Cancer Society
Stone Belt ARC
American Red Cross- Bartholomew-Brown County Chapter
Salvation Army of Columbus
Kidscommons Columbus
Community Children's Museum
Senior Citizen's Community Center
Heritage of Hope, Inc.
Human Services, Inc
Heritage Fund of Bartholomew County
Youth Hope, Inc.
Columbus Scottish Festival
American Heart Association
Sans Souci, Inc.
Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce
Columbus Youth Police Activities League, Inc
City of Columbus Fire Department
Columbus Learning Center Management Corporation

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SAM'S CLUB provides a range of additional small business services and benefits that help entrepreneurs increase productivity and profitability, including:

- **Gold Key hours** that reserve the entire Club exclusively for business members to shop before normal operating hours.
- **Business services**, including payroll, insurance, and retirement planning that simplify administration and financial management tasks.
- **Click 'n' Pull and Fax 'n' Pull** is express ordering that allows members to order online at samsclub.com or place their orders via fax. Orders placed by 5 p.m. will be pulled and ready for pickup by 7 a.m. the following day. This added service provides members convenience and is used largely by business members as a time savings benefit.

Becoming a Vital Member of the Community

The new SAM'S CLUB location is expected to generate additional sales tax revenue for the City of Columbus. Additionally, through its charitable giving initiative, the company is committed to making a positive impact on the communities it serves. During the ribbon cutting ceremony, Club associates will contribute more than \$34,000 to area non-profit organizations through the company's *Good.Works* community involvement program.

Join the Treasure Hunt

In addition to being a partner for America's entrepreneurs, SAM'S CLUB offers a treasure hunt shopping experience complete with an extensive inventory of more than 4,000 affordable luxury merchandise including house wares, food, electronics and quality jewelry pieces—featuring brand names such as Godiva, Sony, Waterford and Tag.

SAM'S CLUB CORPORATE FACTS

- First SAM'S CLUB opened in 1983 in Midwest City, OK
- 564 SAM'S CLUB locations in U.S.
- 102 International locations:
 - Puerto Rico – 9
 - Mexico – 69
 - Canada – 6
 - Brazil – 15
 - China – 3
- 100,000 SAM'S CLUB associates in U.S.

SAM'S CLUB in Indiana

- 15 SAM'S CLUB locations
- more than \$34,000 in charitable contributions
- Ribbon cutting ceremony, Thursday, January 26, 9:30 a.m.
- Regular Club hours M-F, 10am to 8:30pm; Sat. 9:30am-8:30pm.; Sun. 10am-6pm.
- Gold Key Hours for business members, M-F 7a.m-10:00a.m.; Sat. 7am-9:30am.
- In 2004, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. spent \$1,976,484,595 for merchandise and services with 1,643 suppliers in the state of Indiana. As a result of Wal-Mart's relationship with these suppliers, Wal-Mart supports 87,092 supplier jobs in the state of Indiana.
- In 2004, Wal-Mart Stores and SAM'S CLUB gave \$4,734,973 to local causes and organizations in the communities they serve in the state of Indiana. In addition, many charities and organizations received in-kind donations and additional funds raised through stores, CLUBS and distribution centers in the amount of \$2,017,389, for a grand total of \$6,752,362 contributed through Wal-Mart's presence across the state.

Regular Club hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Gold Key Hours for business members are 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

SAM'S CLUB (www.samsclub.com), a division of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., is the nation's largest warehouse chain in the United States serving small business owners and operators. The purchasing agent of choice, SAM'S CLUB provides every day low cost to more than 47 million entrepreneurs and consumers.

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