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

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

Grand Blanc, Mich.–January 26, 2006 –Entrepreneurs in the greater Flint area have been on pins and needles in anticipation of the opening of an all new SAM'S CLUB, located at 6160 S. Saginaw St., which will serve small business owners throughout Genesee County. The Club commemorate this festive 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 the more than 200 associates out of a pool of 4,000 who applied for various positions at the facility.

“We are in business for small business and businesses in Grand Blanc will play an integral part in our success,” said Jeff Schrimsher, general manager at the Grand Blanc 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 Grand Blanc SAM'S CLUB will feature several departments including, Tire and Batteries, Café, 1 Hour Photo, wireless connection center, bakery, optical, pharmacy, floral, jewelry, frozen foods, fresh produce, choice meats and a gasoline station.

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Grand Blanc Good Works Grant Recipients

United Way of Genesee County
Grand Blanc Township Fire
Department
Grand Blanc Township Parks and
Recreation
Grand Blanc Township Police
Department
Grand Blanc Vision 2020
American Cancer Society
Hurley Foundation - Children's
Wish Fund
Imlay City Historical
Commission
YWCA of Flint
American Diabetes Association
Flint Institute of Arts
Alzheimers Association
City of Burton Fire Department
Rescue Squad
Lindon Police Department
Davison Fire Department
Goodrich High School
Grand Blanc First Baptist Church
Autism Support Group of
Genesee County
Holly Area Youth Assistance
Fenton Area Resources &
Referral Network
Grand Blanc Schools "Fish
Program"
Mott Community College
Davison Area Chamber of
Commerce
VFW-Post 822
Grand Blanc Chamber of
Commerce
City of Grand Blanc Police
Department
City of Burton Police Department
McFarlen Public Library

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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 Grand Blanc. 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 Michigan

- 24 SAM'S CLUB locations
- more than \$34,000 in charitable contributions to 26 organizations
- Ribbon cutting ceremony, Thursday, January 26, 9:00 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 \$2,760,793,987 for merchandise and services with 1,575 suppliers in the state of Michigan. As a result of Wal-Mart's relationship with these suppliers, Wal-Mart supports 60,894 supplier jobs in the state of Michigan.
- In 2004, Wal-Mart Stores and SAM'S CLUB gave \$3,859,986 to local causes and organizations in the communities they serve in the state of Michigan. In addition, many charities and organizations received in-kind donations and additional funds raised through stores, CLUBS and distribution centers in the amount of \$1,930,866, for a grand total of \$5,790,852 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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