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

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

OWENSBORO, Ky. –January 26, 2006 – The “city of festivals” has been on pins and needles in anticipation of the opening of an all new SAM’S CLUB, located at 5420 Frederica St., which will serve small business owners and general consumers throughout Owensboro-Daviess County. The Club will also commemorate this festive occasion with a special ribbon cutting this Thursday, January 26, at 10:00 a.m. Grant recipients, local dignitaries, and enthused small business owners are all expected to join the more than 150 associates out of a pool of 1,400 who applied for various positions at the facility.

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

The Owensboro SAM’S CLUB will feature several departments including meat and deli, produce, floral, jewelry, Tire and Batteries, café and a gasoline station.

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Owensboro Good Works Grant Recipients

United Way of the Ohio Valley
Goodfellows Club of Owensboro
Volunteer Center of Owensboro
Junior Achievement of Owensboro
International Bluegrass Music Museum
Grandma's Corner Crisis Daycare
Dream Factory of Owensboro
Cliff Hagan Boys & Girls Club
Owensboro Rotary Club Foundation
St. Joseph's Peace Mission for Children
Hospice & Palliative Care of the Ohio Valley, Inc
RiverPark Center, Inc
Daviess County Sheriff's Department
Veterans of Foreign Wars- Post 696
Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce
Owensboro Community and Technical College

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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 Owensboro. 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 Kentucky

- 8 SAM'S CLUB locations
- more than \$34,000 in charitable contributions
- Ribbon cutting ceremony, Thursday, January 26, 10:00 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 \$1,846,213,489 for merchandise and services with 1,244 suppliers in the state of Kentucky. As a result of Wal-Mart's relationship with these suppliers, Wal-Mart supports 57,668 supplier jobs in the state of Kentucky.
- In 2004, Wal-Mart Stores and SAM'S CLUB gave \$3,759,730 to local causes and organizations in the communities they serve in the state of Kentucky. In addition, many charities and organizations received in-kind donations and additional funds raised through stores, CLUBS and distribution centers in the amount of \$1,212,903, for a grand total of \$4,972,633 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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