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

SAM'S CLUB opens 70th Club in the state of Texas; Grand opening activities will include ribbon cutting ceremony with more than \$34,000 in charitable contributions.

SAN ANGELO, Texas –January 18, 2006 – Business owners and consumers in the City of San Angelo have all been on pins and needles in anticipation of the opening of an all new SAM'S CLUB, located at 5749 Sherwood Way, which will serve small business owners and general consumers throughout Tom Green County. The Club commemorate this festive occasion with a special ribbon cutting on Thursday, January 26, at 9:30 a.m. Grant recipients, local dignitaries, and enthused small business owners are all expected to join Club associates in the festivities.

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

The San Angelo SAM'S CLUB will feature several departments including, Tire and Batteries, Café, floral, jewelry, frozen foods, fresh produce, choice meats and a gasoline station.

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San Angelo Good Works Grant Recipients

United Way of the Concho Valley, Inc
San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Assn.
City of San Angelo Police Department
City of San Angelo Fire Department
Shannon Medical Center
West Texas Rehabilitation Center
San Angelo Chamber of Commerce
City of San Angelo Police Department
Tom Green County Adult Literacy Council
Healthy Families San Angelo
Concho Boxing Club Fighting Armadillos
American Heart Association
Big Brothers Big Sisters
American Red Cross
Concho Valley Rape Crisis Center
Adult Daycare of San Angelo
Hospice of San Angelo
City of San Angelo "Keep San Angelo Beautiful"
American Cancer Society
Boys & Girls Club of San Angelo, Inc
West Texas Boys' Ranch
Hope House
Concho Valley Regional Food Bank
Habitat for Humanity - San Angelo
San Angelo Girls Fast Pitch Assoc.

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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 San Angelo. 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 Texas

- 70 SAM'S CLUB locations
- more than \$34,000 in charitable contributions to 25 organizations
- 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 \$16,907,073,516 for merchandise and services with 5,271 suppliers in the state of Texas. As a result of Wal-Mart's relationship with these suppliers, Wal-Mart supports 202,962 supplier jobs in the state of Texas.
- In 2004, Wal-Mart Stores and SAM'S CLUB gave \$16,435,558 to local causes and organizations in the communities they serve in the state of Texas. In addition, many charities and organizations received in-kind donations and additional funds raised through stores, CLUBS and distribution centers in the amount of \$9,358,344, for a grand total of \$25,793,902 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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