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

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

**HOUMA, La.–January 31, 2006** –The City of Houma has been on pins and needles in anticipation of the opening of an all new SAM'S CLUB, located at 2174 Martin Luther King Blvd., which will serve small business owners and general consumers throughout the Terrebonne Parrish. The Club will commemorate this festive occasion with a special ribbon cutting this Tuesday, January 31, at 9:30 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 1,200 who applied for various positions at the facility.

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

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#### **Houma Good Works Grant Recipients**

United Way of South Louisiana  
St. Vincent De Paul Triparish  
Community Pharmacy  
Marine Toys for Tots Foundation  
Bunk House Shelter  
Depaul School for the Dyslexic  
Houma Food Bank  
Bayouland YMCA  
Living Word Church of Houma  
Girl Scout Council of Southeast Louisiana  
Terrebonne Council on Aging  
Bayou Region Boy Scouts  
Diocese of Houma "Assisi Bridge House"  
Houma Junior High School  
Southdown Elementary School  
H.L. Bourgeois High School  
Lafourche Parish School Board  
East Thibodaux Middle School  
West Thibodaux Middle School  
Thibodeaux High School  
Vandebilt Catholic High School  
Ed White Catholic High School  
Catholic Social Services  
American Red Cross  
Salvation Army  
Assumption Parish School District  
West Park Elementary School  
Terrebonne Sheriff's Department  
Bayou Cane Volunteer Fire Department  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
"Veterans Park"  
Houma-Terrebonne Rotary Club  
Houma Lions Club  
Civitan Club of Houma  
Disabled American Veterans  
Friends of the Terrebonne 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 Houma. 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 Louisiana**

- 13 SAM'S CLUB locations
- more than \$34,000 in charitable contributions
- Ribbon cutting ceremony, Tuesday, January 31, 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 and SAM'S CLUB gave \$3,955,089 to local causes and organizations in the communities they serve in the state of Louisiana. In addition, many charities and organizations received in-kind donations and additional funds raised through stores, CLUBS and distribution centers in the amount of \$1,381,433, for a grand total of \$5,336,522 contributed through Wal-Mart's presence across the state.
- In 2004, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. spent \$559,556,109 for merchandise and services with 1,222 suppliers in the state of Louisiana. As a result of Wal-Mart's relationship with these suppliers, Wal-Mart supports 40,237 supplier jobs in the state of Louisiana.

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](http://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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