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Wal-Mart Kicks Off Donations Totaling \$140,000 to Twin Cities Nonprofits

St. Paul, Minn., October 16, 2008 – On Wednesday, Wal-Mart presented the first of seven donations totaling \$140,000 that are being given to Twin Cities area nonprofit organizations. Wal-Mart’s donations will help support programs and services ranging from tutoring to job training to environmental education.

These donations are part of Wal-Mart Foundation’s State Giving Program, which awards grants at the state and regional level to support unmet needs that are not directly addressed by other Wal-Mart Foundation programs.

“The Wal-Mart Foundation is dedicated to giving back to the communities where our customers and associates live and work,” said Lisa B. Nelson, Wal-Mart senior manager, public affairs. “We are proud to support these valuable charitable causes that serve Minnesotans and their communities.”

Wal-Mart’s Twin Cities donations include:

- **\$45,000 to Summit Academy OIC (Minneapolis)** – The educational and vocational training center works to empower youth and adults who live in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods in the Twin Cities become educated and employed.
- **\$25,000 to Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library (Minneapolis)** – The Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library helps enrich the library and support its programs. The grant will be used to support the library’s Homework HUB program, which provides academic assistance to youth.
- **\$20,000 to Eco Education (St. Paul)** – Eco Education is dedicated to providing environmental education programs for youth – particularly urban students – that encourage them to address environmental issues in their communities.

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- **\$20,000 to Guadalupe Alternative Programs (St. Paul)** – The organization offers alternative education programs for at-risk adolescents, and helps them with job placement, career planning, and post-secondary enrollment.
- **\$15,000 to At Home Foundation (Minneapolis)** – The At Home Foundation assists homeless individuals with education and training to help them gain employment so they can acquire stable housing.
- **\$10,000 to Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest (Maplewood)** – Junior Achievement recruits volunteers from the local business community to teach K-12 students about the importance of personal financial responsibility through hands-on lessons and real-world applications.
- **\$5,000 to Tree Trust (St. Paul)** – Tree Trust provides employment and training to low-income youth and adults through landscape services and forestry projects that benefit Twin Cities communities. The organization provides schools, individuals and organizations with hands-on training to improve their communities' natural environment.

About Philanthropy at Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (NYSE: WMT) and the Wal-Mart Foundation are proud to support the charitable causes that are important to customers and associates in their own neighborhoods. Through its philanthropic programs and partnerships, the Wal-Mart Foundation supports initiatives focused on enhancing opportunities in education, job skills training, sustainability and health. In 2007, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club and the Wal-Mart Foundation gave \$296 million to communities across the United States. To learn more, visit www.walmartfoundation.org.

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