



Walmart Foundation Grants \$125,000 to Three Sacramento Area Nonprofits

Placer Food Bank, Saint John's Program for Real Change and Greater Sacramento Urban League receive funds to feed more children and help people prepare for and gain successful employment

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – June 2, 2014 – The Walmart Foundation's California State Giving Program has awarded \$125,000 to three Sacramento-area nonprofits including Placer Food Bank, Saint John's Program for Real Change and Greater Sacramento Urban League.

"We appreciate Walmart's continued investment in our community," said Sacramento Councilmember Allen Warren. "The grants received by these three organizations will help our collective efforts to fight hunger and help more people find success in the workforce."

Twice a year, the Walmart Foundation's California State Giving Program awards grants to local organizations that address the needs of the communities they serve and make a significant social impact.

"We're proud to support Sacramento area nonprofits that are making a difference and enriching the lives of Sacramentans," said Kim Sentovich, senior vice president for Walmart. "In our business and charitable giving, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are committed to making a positive impact throughout Sacramento region."

The following nonprofits received a State Giving grant to fund vital local programs that have proven to help those in the Sacramento area live better lives:

[Placer Food Bank](#) in Roseville was awarded a \$50,000 grant to support its Backpack Program. This endeavor will provide 75,000 nutritious meals to children in Placer County for weekends and holidays when school is not in session.

"Placer Food Bank's Backpack Program helps bridge the gap between the school lunch on Friday to lunchtime on Monday by providing children with a weekend supply of nutritious, easy-to-prepare meals and snacks," said Executive Director Dave Martinez. "We're extremely grateful to Walmart for their continued commitment to child hunger relief and their support of Placer Food Bank's Backpack Program. This grant will enable us to continue the Program at its current level throughout the coming school year."

[Saint John's Program for Real Change](#) received a \$50,000 grant to expand its Employment Readiness Program which will allow for homeless mothers to achieve the skills they need to find a supportive job.

"Based upon 29 years of experience, we know mothers need far more than just food, clothing and shelter to become independent and truly self sustaining," said CEO Michele Steeb. "Thanks to the Walmart Foundation, we'll be able to provide 70 homeless mothers with educational assistance, job readiness instruction, on-the-job employment training and the supportive services they need to make real, lasting change in their lives."

[Greater Sacramento Urban League](#) (GSUL) was awarded a \$25,000 grant to support its Internet Core Concepts Services Training, Customer Service Training and completion of the GED preparation program. These initiatives provide the education and training needed to help individuals gain skills to compete in today's economy.

"The Walmart Foundation partnership is a valuable asset to GSUL and its education and job skills training programs where we're changing lives in low- and moderate-income communities," said James Shelby, GSUL's president and chief executive officer. "We appreciate the Foundation's long-time support which has aided the National Urban League and Greater Sacramento Urban League over the years."

The Walmart Foundation's State Giving Program supports organizations that create opportunities so people can live better, awarding grants that have a long-lasting, positive impact on communities across the U.S.

During the last fiscal year Walmart and the [Walmart Foundation](#) gave more than \$1.3 billion of cash and in-kind contributions, including efforts to fight hunger, provide healthier foods and advance sustainability practices. This marks the largest level of giving in Walmart's history, and the overall increase in giving surpasses the previous year's total by more than \$244 million. Global in-kind donations accounted for \$1 billion, while \$316.3 million was given in cash globally. In California, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation's giving exceeded \$47 million.

To be considered for support, prospective grantee organizations must submit applications through the Walmart Foundation State Giving Program's online grant application. Applicants must have a current 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status in order to meet the program's minimum eligibility criteria. Additional information about the program's funding guidelines and application process are available online at www.walmartfoundation.org/stategiving. The next application cycle opens on July 6, 2014.

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About Philanthropy at Walmart

Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are committed to helping people live better through philanthropic efforts. By operating globally and giving back locally, Walmart is uniquely positioned to address the needs of the communities it serves and make a significant social impact within its core areas of giving: Hunger Relief & Healthy Eating, Sustainability, Career Opportunity and Women's Economic Empowerment. Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are leading the fight against hunger in the United States with a \$2 billion commitment through 2015. Walmart has donated more than 1 billion meals to those in need across the country. To learn more about Walmart's giving, visit foundation.walmart.com.

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