

## **Walmart Foundation Grants \$50,000 To Second Harvest Food Bank of San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties**

*Funds to provide supplemental groceries through Food Assistance, Food 4 Thought, Farmer's Markets and Senior Brown Bag initiatives*

**MANTECA, Calif.** (July 22, 2014) – The Walmart Foundation's California State Giving Program has awarded \$50,000 to [Second Harvest Food Bank of San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties](#) to support its Food 4 Thought, Senior Brown Bag, Food Assistance and Farmer's Markets hunger-relief programs.

"Walmart has been a very generous partner of Second Harvest Food Bank and we're excited to work with them at a time when the face of hunger continues to change," said Mike Mallory, Second Harvest CEO. "With the additional support from Walmart, we'll be able to provide more nutritious supplemental groceries to all of our programs."

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. 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.

"Walmart believes in giving back locally and we're excited to watch charitable organizations such as Second Harvest find new ways to positively impact lives," said Chester Gray, Walmart regional general manager. "The work Second Harvest does to feed the people they serve aligns with our mission to help communities across Northern California live better."

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](http://www.walmartfoundation.org/stategiving). The next application cycle opens on July 6, 2014.

### **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](http://foundation.walmart.com).