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WALMART FOUNDATION AWARDS \$85,000 GRANT TO THE NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK

Grant will aid the Food Bank's Retail Store Donation program

DALLAS (June 21, 2013) – The Walmart Foundation has awarded an \$85,000 grant to the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) to support the organization's Retail Store Donation program. The funds from the grant will specifically be used to operate and maintain a 24-foot refrigerated NTFB truck that will pick up perishable frozen food items from local Walmart stores in the DFW area and deliver them to the Food Bank distribution center.

NTFB launched the Retail Store Donation program in 2008 with the intent to capture perishable products that would otherwise be discarded by retailers in our community. The program is an important source of donated food, especially meat proteins, which get frozen by their “use-by” dates at more than 160 local grocery stores and picked up on weekly schedules by refrigerated Food Bank trucks.



The Food Bank then incorporates these products into its frozen food inventory and makes them available to its Partner Agency food pantries and direct feeding programs.

“We are honored to be a recipient of this generous grant from the Walmart Foundation that will help fund our Retail Store Donation program,” said **Jan Pruitt, president and CEO of the North Texas Food Bank**. “This program is key in helping us manage the cost of purchasing expensive, high-protein foods, provide nutritious items to our Partner Agencies and families in need, and reduce waste in the local food system.”

“The Walmart Foundation is proud to support the North Texas Food Bank and is committed to helping those in need in the communities we serve,” said **Dacona Smith, a Walmart Vice President**. “Through this grant, we are pleased to provide greater food access to needy families in the Dallas area.”

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The Retail Store Donation program is critical to providing hungry North Texas families with much-needed protein items, including frozen meat. Advantages to this type of “food rescue” operation include:

- Offsetting the need to purchase as much expensive, high-protein food.
- Providing nutritious items which are in great demand by NTFB's Partner Agencies and families seeking food assistance.
- Reducing food waste.

Having expanded from 365,500 pounds of food in 2008 to 8.3 million pounds in 2012, the Food Bank's Retail Store Donation program is now providing more than 8.7 million pounds of high-quality perishable foods annually.

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 and the Walmart Foundation are uniquely positioned to address the needs of the communities they serve and make a significant social impact within their 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 of cash and in-kind donations through 2015, including more than 1 billion meals donated in 2012 to those in need across the country. To learn more, visit foundation.walmart.com.

About North Texas Food Bank

The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) is a top-ranked nonprofit relief organization which leads the fight against hunger with knowledge-based strategies to distribute donated, purchased, and prepared foods through a network of feeding programs in 13 North Texas counties. NTFB supports the nutritional needs of children, families and seniors through research, education, advocacy and strategic partnerships. In FY 2012, NTFB provided access to more than 47 million nutritious meals. Founded in 1982, the year 2012 marked NTFB's 30th anniversary. NTFB is a member of Feeding America (feedingamerica.org).

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