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Walmart Foundation Grant to Meals On Wheels Association of America to Help Feed Hungry Seniors at Meals on Wheels of San Antonio

Grant received at critical time as economy threatens seniors in Bexar County

March 15, 2010, San Antonio, TX – Meals on Wheels of San Antonio has been awarded \$14,000 through a Walmart Foundation grant to the Meals On Wheels Association of America (MOWAA). The money will provide Meals on Wheels of San Antonio with much-needed on-site warmers, coolers, and insulated bags, which is critical to continue serving seniors in our neighborhoods.

This financial support is desperately needed as many Meals On Wheels programs across the country are struggling to survive during this economic downturn. The “Walmart Foundation Impact Grant” is intended to help Meals on Wheels of San Antonio continue to meet the long term equipment needs of providing meals to our seniors in Bexar County.

Last year, many Meals On Wheels programs were forced to change or reduce their services, but the Walmart Foundation stepped in to help restore those meals. This year, the Walmart Foundation is spending more than \$2 million nationwide to make sure Meals On Wheels programs have the equipment they need to maintain their operations into the future.

“Seniors have been hit especially hard in this economy and we feel a responsibility to help,” said Margaret McKenna, president of the Walmart Foundation. “We’re proud to support Meals on Wheels programs across the U.S. who work on the front lines of ending senior hunger.”

“Thanks to the Walmart Foundation Impact Grant, we are now able to purchase more equipment and expand our volunteer base,” said Sharon Baughman, CEO of Meals on Wheels of San Antonio. “This grant will help us provide the next meal to many of our clients in need and will truly make a difference for the seniors of Bexar County.”

“The Walmart Foundation has once again stepped up to the plate as a powerful partner in the fight to end senior hunger,” said Enid Borden, president and CEO of MOWAA. “They are our largest corporate partner to date and their support will make a tremendous impact in helping our programs sustain meal services well into the future. We can’t thank the Walmart Foundation enough for joining us in our national movement to end senior hunger in America by 2020.”

Late last year MOWAA released a groundbreaking study revealing six million seniors in America face the risk of hunger. The report, entitled, “Senior Hunger in the United States: Differences across States and Rural and Urban Areas” was sponsored by MOWAA and shows that the number of seniors facing the hunger risk jumped an astonishing 20 percent in just one year. The Walmart Impact Grant Program is intended to help combat the problem of senior hunger.

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About Meals on Wheels of San Antonio

Meals on Wheel of San Antonio, a program of Christian Senior Services, prepares and delivers over 3,200 nutritious meals each weekday to homebound seniors living in Bexar County. With a registered dietician on staff, our meals are often the only source of vitamins and nutrients received by our recipients. In addition, personal contact with our volunteers and staff drivers combats loneliness and can often provide opportunities for early intervention in life threatening situations. Last year, the program provided over 800,000 meals to senior residents of Bexar County.

About Philanthropy at Walmart

Walmart and the Walmart 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 Walmart Foundation funds initiatives focused on creating opportunities in education, workforce development, economic opportunity, environmental sustainability, and health and wellness. From February 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009, Walmart – and its domestic and international foundations – gave more than \$423 million in cash and in-kind gifts globally. To learn more, visit www.walmartfoundation.org.