



## **Walmart Foundation commits \$75,000 to the Lake County Council on Aging to support the fight against hunger**

*13 non-profits across Ohio receive \$625,000 from Walmart State Giving Council during Hunger Action Month*

**Mentor, OH – September 7, 2017** – Walmart and the Walmart Foundation today presented a \$75,000 grant to the Lake County Council on Aging to support its efforts to deliver more than 15,300 meals over the next year to homebound seniors. The grant was made available through the Foundation’s State Giving Council as a total of \$625,000 were awarded this week to 13 agencies across the state.

As September is national Hunger Action Month, Walmart representatives are taking part in several check presentations around the state to recognize the outstanding work local agencies are doing to fight hunger among families, children and seniors.

“Helping organizations in our communities that help others to live better is something that is very important to Walmart and the Walmart Foundation,” said Sam Burmeister, Eastlake Walmart Store Manager. “We are very pleased to be able to support those organizations that fight hunger and food insecurity, especially among our children and our senior population.”

“In light of a rapidly aging population, increasing costs, and funding that is not keeping pace, programs like our nutrition services face unprecedented challenges to meet a growing demand, particularly among homebound seniors,” said Joseph Tomsick, CEO of the Lake County Council on Aging. “We cannot thank Walmart Foundation enough for being such a powerful partner in our fight against senior hunger. Like Walmart Foundation, the Council on Aging is passionate about helping people live better.”

Walmart and the Walmart Foundation look for organizations that address the needs of the communities they serve and make a significant social impact within Walmart’s core areas of giving: hunger relief and healthy eating, sustainability, women’s economic empowerment, workforce development and education.

The nonprofit organizations that were recognized at other local events across the state include:

- **Milford Miami Ministry** received \$25,000 to provide more quality meat selections and fresh produce to the 155 Milford and Miami Township families it serves each month
- **Cincinnati Area Senior Services** received \$25,000 to help purchase vehicles that will transport seniors to congregate meal programs
- **UMCFood Ministry of Latonia Kentucky** received \$41,000 to fund the expansion of services to Butler County families and children.
- **Reach Out Lakota in West Chester** received \$35,000 to support its efforts to provide hunger relief more than 2,800 individuals living in West Chester and Liberty Township.
- **Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio** received \$70,000 to help make fresh vegetables and fruits available to households where seniors are raising children.
- **Neighborhood Alliance** in Elyria received \$44,000 to support its Senior Enrichment Services Home Delivered Meals program that provides nutritionally balanced temperature controlled meals to frail, elderly at-risk senior citizens each weekday throughout Lorain County.
- **Steven A. Hunter Hope Fund Inc** in Portsmouth received \$25,000 to establish six school-based food pantries in Scioto County to serve hungry students and their families.
- **Mid-Ohio Foodbank** received a \$100,000 grant to provide more nutritious, protein-rich food to individuals in need.

- **LifeCare Alliance** received a \$65,000 grant to support its Meals-on-Wheels program that serves approximately 5,000 meals a day to older adults and individuals with medical challenges throughout central Ohio.
- **Faith Mission** received \$50,000 to offer healthier meals with more fresh fruit and vegetables at its community kitchen.
- **Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries** received a \$50,000 grant to support its Healthier Food & Healthier Finances program that serves low and middle-income families in 13 central Ohio counties.
- **Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank** received \$70,000 to serve more families and individuals dealing with food insecurity.

The contributions were made possible through the Walmart Foundation's Ohio State Giving Program which awards grants to organizations that have a long-lasting, positive impact on communities across the U.S. To be considered for support, perspective 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).

In 2016, in Ohio, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation donated more than \$49 million in cash and in-kind contributions to community groups that are positioned to address the needs of communities throughout the state.

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