



**BLOOMINGTON HOOSIER HILLS FOOD BANK  
RECEIVES NEW REFRIGERATED FOOD TRUCK FROM  
THE WALMART FOUNDATION**

BLOOMINGTON, IND. – November 18, 2010 – At a time when more and more families in Bloomington and the surrounding counties face the threat of going hungry, **Bloomington's Hoosier Hills Food Bank** and Feeding America announced today that the Walmart Foundation has donated a 24-foot refrigerated food truck to help hungry Hoosiers. Valued at more than \$87,000, the vehicle will be used to collect and deliver fruit, vegetables and other nutritious foods to pantries, soup kitchens and other emergency feeding centers throughout an eight county area.

Through a \$6 million grant to Feeding America, the Walmart Foundation donated a total of 65 refrigerated food trucks to Feeding America network food banks this holiday season.

"This truck, which we've named "Wally" in honor of our donor, immediately became the most important vehicle in our fleet," said Julio Alonso, executive director for Hoosier Hills Food Bank. "It replaces the aging and expensive truck used to make our daily collections of donated retail food and to make deliveries to Community Kitchen, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard and the Shalom Center. It will get more use than any other vehicle and it was desperately needed."

Alonso added that in this year alone, the agency has spent over \$14,000 on vehicle repairs, half of that on the truck this vehicle replaces. The increased capacity of this truck means the food bank's driver won't have to make an extra trip back to unload – he'll be able to complete his route before returning to the food bank or delivering food to agencies.

"We must face the fact that there are people who go hungry in this country every day. These are our neighbors and people we see throughout our daily lives," said Margaret McKenna, president of the Walmart Foundation. "This issue has to be top of mind when we sit down at dinner and when we eat breakfast, and we all have to commit to doing something to help. If all of us give one can of food or volunteer one hour at a food bank, if we all do one thing, together we can end hunger in this country."

The USDA reports that more than 50.1 million Americans are food insecure. Feeding America's network serves 37 million Americans annually, including 17 million children and nearly 3 million seniors. Hunger is a national crisis and as the holiday season approaches Feeding America and Walmart continue to work to find ways to alleviate hunger in this nation.

Hoosier Hills Food Bank distributed a record 3.1 million pounds of food in 2009 including over 785,000 pounds from local retail donors. Last year, Walmart and Sam's Club stores donated over 121,000 pounds of food to HHFB. In addition to collecting food from retail donors each day, the new truck will also make regular deliveries to HHFB's three largest agencies in Bloomington and will be used for special events such as large food drive pick ups.

Walmart announced this fall a \$2 billion commitment to help end hunger in America. Through the “Fighting Hunger Together” initiative, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation will give \$250 million in grants to hunger relief organizations and donate more than 1.1 billion pounds of food from Walmart stores, distribution centers and Sam’s Club locations, valued at 41.75 billion. Continuing this effort this holiday season, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are also hosting its first nationwide food drive at all Walmart stores and calling on Facebook fans to help select communities that will receive \$1.5 million in grants.

For more information on Walmart’s commitment to hunger relief this holiday season and year-round, please visit [www.walmart.com/fightinghunger](http://www.walmart.com/fightinghunger) or [www.facebook.com/walmart](http://www.facebook.com/walmart).

In Indiana, Walmart operates more than 125 facilities employing 39,452 associates. In 2009, Walmart stores, Sam's Club locations and the Walmart Foundation gave more than \$12.7 million in cash and in-kind donations to Hoosier organizations in the communities they serve in Indiana. Through additional funds donated by customers, and Walmart and Sam’s Club associates throughout the state, the retailer’s contributions in Indiana totaled more than \$15.3 million.

Walmart collected on behalf of the state of Indiana more than \$340.4 million in sales taxes in FYE 2010 and Walmart paid more than \$65.7 million in state and local taxes in the state of Indiana in FYE 2010.

In FYE 2010, Walmart spent \$2,012,754,609.00 for merchandise and services with 1,248 suppliers in the state of Indiana. As a result of Walmart's relationship with these suppliers, Walmart supports 71,724 supplier jobs in the state of Indiana.

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### **About Walmart Foundation**

Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are proud to support the charitable causes that are important to customers and associates in their own neighborhoods. The Walmart Foundation funds initiatives focused on education, workforce development, economic opportunity, environmental sustainability, and health and wellness. From Feb. 1, 2009 through Jan. 31, 2010, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation gave more than \$467 million in cash and in-kind gifts, including donating 127 million pounds of food to U.S. food banks. Internationally, Walmart gave \$45 million in cash and in-kind gifts to charitable organizations. To learn more, visit [www.walmartfoundation.org](http://www.walmartfoundation.org).

### **About Feeding America**

Feeding America provides low-income individuals and families with the fuel to survive and even thrive. As the nation’s leading domestic hunger-relief charity, our network members supply food to more than 37 million Americans each year, including 14 million children and 3 million seniors. Serving the entire United States, more than 200 member food banks support 61,000 agencies that address hunger in all of its forms. For more information on how you can fight hunger in your community and across the country, visit us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/FeedingAmerica](http://Facebook.com/FeedingAmerica) or follow our news on Twitter at [twitter.com/FeedingAmerica](http://twitter.com/FeedingAmerica).

## **About Hoosier Hills Food Bank**

Hoosier Hills Food Bank collects and distributes over 3.1 million pounds of food annually to 95 non-profit partner agencies in eight south central Indiana counties. HHFB partner agencies include food pantries, soup kitchens, youth programs, senior centers and disaster relief organizations that serve 25,800 people each year. For more information about HHFB and its programs, visit [www.hhfoodbank.org](http://www.hhfoodbank.org).

*Ed. Note: Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. is the legal trade name of the corporation. The name "Walmart," expressed as one word and without punctuation, is a trademark of the company and is used analogously to describe the company and its stores. Use the trade name when it is necessary to identify the legal entity, such as when reporting financial results, litigation or corporate governance.*

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