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Indianapolis Area Could Win \$1 Million in Walmart Facebook Campaign to Fight Hunger

Indianapolis Area 2nd In Midwest

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 9, 2010 – You can really be a ‘friend’ of the hungry as Walmart provides an opportunity for Indianapolis-area “fans” to vote for the city to receive up to a \$1 million grant for hunger relief this holiday season in a Facebook campaign.

Indianapolis has risen in the ranking of supporters from #36, Nov. 23 to #23 today.

Through December 31, 2010, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation encourage people around the nation to cast their vote on <http://fightinghunger.walmart.com> choosing from a list of 100 communities where hunger rates are the highest. The city with the most online support will receive \$1 million in grants and the next five cities with the highest support will receive \$100,000 each to help fight hunger.

As of December 8, Indianapolis is ranked **#23** with **509 supporters**. Other Midwest rankings include:

City	Rank	Supporters
St. Louis	9	1203
Indianapolis	23	509
Chicago	25	444
Columbus, Ohio	30	374
Louisville	36	313
Dayton, Ohio	53	192
Cincinnati	57	180

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The national leaders are Fresno, California, Grand Rapids, Michigan; and San Antonio, Texas.

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.

<http://walmartstores.com/FactsNews/StateByState/State.aspx?id=15>

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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 \$512 million in cash and in-kind gifts globally, \$467 million of which was donated in the U.S. To learn more, visit www.walmartfoundation.org.