



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF REDLANDS**

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**SUMMER SERVINGS: BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF REDLANDS'
SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM GETS BOOST**

The Walmart Foundation Grant Helps Provide Wholesome Meals for Club Members

Redlands, June 29, 2009 – It is estimated that more than 12 million children who qualify to receive a free or reduced-price lunch during the academic year may be deprived of this vital meal during the summer months when school is out. To help combat that trend locally, Boys & Girls Clubs of Redlands is the recipient of a little extra help in the form of a \$3,000 *Summer Servings* grant through a partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) and the Walmart Foundation to ensure that Club members have access to nutritious meals and snacks this summer.

“With the current economic downturn, we’ve seen a decline in resources while simultaneously receiving a record number of requests from families and children in need – many of whom have never had to ask for public assistance,” said P.T. McEwen, Chief Executive Officer for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Redlands. “This grant from the Walmart Foundation is greatly appreciated as it comes at a time when so many families are struggling to provide their children with healthy meals this summer. We are able to step up and help our families during these hard economic times.”

The *Summer Servings* grant will help Boys & Girls Clubs of Redlands provide over 8,800 breakfasts, lunches, and snacks to needy kids through its summer food program.

The collaboration between the Walmart Foundation and BGCA, is an example of how private-public partnerships can help alleviate some of the nation’s pressing problems, by combining efforts from corporate, non-profit and governmental sectors to ensure that Americans have access to wholesome meals.

“We continue to see the impact that the economy is having on our neighbors – they are stretching their budgets and looking to us for help in our stores and through our giving,” said Margaret McKenna, president of the Walmart Foundation. “Hunger relief is a cause that enables our company’s strengths to work for the greater good. From supporting

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summer feeding programs to donating food, we're committed to doing all we can to help end hunger for our nation's children, parents, homeless and all who have found themselves in need."

The Walmart Foundation is working with BGCA to provide wholesome meals and snacks to more than 93,000 children, who may have otherwise gone without food over the summer. Boys & Girls Clubs of Redlands is one of 350 local Boys & Girls Clubs receiving assistance to aid the increasing number of Americans who lean on hunger relief organizations to provide for their families during difficult financial periods.

The funds provided by Walmart are part of its ongoing commitment to help people live better by fighting hunger and supporting U.S. food banks. With a new commitment to providing healthy, summer meals to children who receive free or reduced-price lunches during the school year, the Walmart Foundation is donating \$7.8 million to expand its hunger relief efforts, of which BGCA is one of the beneficiaries.

Located in the communities of Loma Linda, Mentone, Redlands, and San Bernardino, the Club provides program opportunities for school aged boys and girls each year. The Club is open Monday-Friday, from 2:00pm-6:00pm with a Summer Day Camp starting at 7:00am. Youngsters interested in joining the Club, learning more about summer programs or other youth programs can call (909) 798-4599 or visit www.bgcr.org.

About Philanthropy at Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (NYSE: WMT) 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.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Redlands

Boys & Girls Clubs of Redlands (www.bgcr.org) is an affiliate of Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Known as "The Positive Place for Kids," the Clubs provide guidance-oriented character development programs on a daily basis for children 6-18 years old, conducted by a full-time professional staff. Clubs positively impact lives and help young people reach their full potential as productive, caring citizens. Key programs emphasize leadership development; education and career exploration; community service; technology training; financial literacy; health and life skills; the arts; sports, fitness and recreation; and family outreach. The Club operates locations in the communities of Loma Linda, Mentone, Redlands, and San Bernardino.

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