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### **Second Harvest Community Food Bank receives Walmart Foundation Grant to Support Nutritious Food for our Vulnerable Neighbors in Need**

*Donation brings additional food resources to 15 Missouri counties of the Second Harvest service area*

**St. Joseph, MO – November 10, 2014** – Second Harvest Community Food Bank received a \$45,000 grant from the [Walmart Foundation's State Giving Program](#) to assist with providing nutritious food to area families. Specifically, this grant will positively impact the local community by providing for food acquisition and distribution in the 15 Missouri counties Second Harvest serves. Funding will assist with acquisition, storage, transportation and delivery of the food.

"We are excited to receive this support from the Walmart Foundation," Chad Higdon, Executive Director of Second Harvest said. "Walmart's support is sincerely appreciated and extremely valuable in helping us to fulfill our mission to nourish our neighbors through sustainable initiatives, education and advocacy."

Second Harvest is a food bank that serves 19 counties in Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas. It acquires and distributes to 100 partner agencies and through direct service programs. The programs are guided by four initiatives: Nourishing Families, Nourishing Children, Nourishing Seniors and Nourishing Neighborhoods. Second Harvest was founded in 1981 by a group of concerned citizens who saw a great need for food assistance in the region. Since then, Second Harvest has distributed over 65 million pounds of food to the service area.

The Walmart Foundation's State Giving Program supports organizations that create opportunities so people can live better, awarding grants that have a long-lasting, positive impact on communities across the U.S.

"At the Walmart Foundation, we understand that organizations such as Second Harvest Community Food Bank are essential to building stronger communities. They share our values and are committed to helping Missourians in need live better," Anne Hatfield, Walmart Director of Communications said, "Through this donation, we are hopeful that residents in need in Northwest Missouri will benefit from the purchase and distribution of nutritious protein and low fat dairy foods."

As part of Walmart's \$2 billion commitment to fight hunger through 2015, the 145 Walmart stores in Missouri donated a total of 23.7 million pounds of food, in fiscal year 2014, or the equivalent of 19.7 million meals. In fact, Walmart reached \$260 million in cash and \$2.6 billion in in-kind donations nationwide, delivering on its commitment one year early. Additionally, just in the last fiscal year, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation gave \$43.3 million to Missouri nonprofits. For more information on Walmart's fight against hunger, visit <http://foundation.walmart.com/our-focus/hunger>.

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).

#### **About Second Harvest Community Food Bank**

*Second Harvest Community Food Bank is a nonprofit food distribution center serving 19 counties across Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas. Staff and volunteers distribute food through direct service programs and through a network of over 100 partner agencies located throughout our service area. Last year, Second Harvest distributed 5.7 million pounds of food to the community.*

*To learn more about Second Harvest, please visit <http://www.ourcommunityfoodbank.org/>*

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**About Philanthropy at Walmart**

*Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are committed to helping people live better through philanthropic efforts. By operating globally and giving back locally, Walmart is uniquely positioned to address the needs of the communities it serves and make a significant social impact within its core areas of giving: Hunger relief and healthy eating, sustainability, career opportunity and women's economic empowerment. Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are leading the fight against hunger in the United States with a \$2 billion commitment through 2015. Walmart has donated more than 1 billion meals to those in need across the country. To learn more about Walmart's giving, visit [foundation.walmart.com](http://foundation.walmart.com).*

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