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City on a Hill Receives \$50,000 and Hope House of Milwaukee Receives \$34,000 from the Walmart Foundation

Donations to support programs addressing hunger and poverty in Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Wis., December 21, 2011 –City on a Hill and Hope House of Milwaukee today received contributions totaling \$84,000 to help the organizations address hunger and poverty needs in Milwaukee. City on a Hill received \$50,000, while Hope House received \$34,000. The grants – which were given to the non-profit organizations through the Walmart Foundation’s State Giving Program – will provide financial support for ongoing operations, nourishment and programs for youth and adults.

“The Walmart Foundation is very pleased to be supporting City on a Hill and Hope House of Milwaukee,” said Lisa B. Nelson, senior manager, public affairs & government relations, Walmart. “Both of these phenomenal organizations are committed to helping those in need in the communities where we serve. Through these grants, we are hopeful that City on a Hill and Hope House can continue to have a significant impact on helping to alleviate hunger and poverty in Milwaukee.”

The grants were presented to City on a Hill and Hope House today at City on a Hill.

“We are thrilled to be receiving such generous support from the Walmart Foundation,” said Diane De La Santos, executive director of City on a Hill. “This grant will enable us to have a greater impact at three levels – among poor adults in our neighborhood, among vulnerable but talented youth throughout our central city, and among people with the resources to help alleviate poverty all across our state.”

Located in the heart of Milwaukee, City on a Hill is bringing transformation to its central city neighborhood. Through a collaborative and faith-based model of service, City on a Hill is working to restore hope, reduce poverty, strengthen families, and foster racial

reconciliation. Priorities include educating youth, empowering parents, equipping leaders, and engaging churches in social justice. The contribution from the Walmart Foundation will provide more nourishment and health care services for poor and homeless adults in neighborhoods surrounding its facility, by expanding the work of the City on a Hill Free Health Clinic, food pantry and meal program. Funds will also be used to add meals for children attending its Super Saturday summer program and increase the number of children & youth attending leadership camps. In addition, City on a Hill plans to expand its Passport to Compassion program, training people in cities across Wisconsin to take steps in their communities to address the needs of the poor and hungry. For information, visit: <http://www.cityonahillmilwaukee.org/>

Also commenting, Ken Schmidt, executive director of Hope House, said, “Poor nutrition is one of the most troubling issues facing homeless adults and children. The Walmart Foundation grant will allow Hope House to provide nutritious meals and bolster its ongoing food preparation instruction we conduct in our community, shelter and long term housing for the homeless.”

Hope House is an emergency and transitional living facility and community center located in the near southside of Milwaukee. Opened in 1987, Hope House provides community outreach to individuals needing healthcare, food distribution, financial assistance, and educational opportunities for adults and children. Hope House provides services that aim to end homelessness and create healthy communities. The contribution from the Walmart Foundation will help Hope House improve and expand its food service program to provide food to the underserved and homeless through its Chrysalis, Thresholds, SRO, United South Side Food Pantry and Shining Stars programs. For more information, visit: <http://www.hopehousemke.org/>

Hope House is working to meet its mission through several programs:

- Chrysalis Program – transitional housing for single women, pregnant women, and families;
- Thresholds Program – Emergency housing for single men;
- United Southside Food Pantry—Emergency food for individuals and families living in the 53204 zip code;
- SRO/Surgeon’s Quarters – Transitional housing for single men & women on the VA grounds with a preference for veterans;
- Johnston Center Residences – Located on the south side of Milwaukee the building houses 41 chronically homeless individuals and 50 at high-risk of homelessness;
- Angel of Hope Clinic – Medical care for Milwaukee County residents without health insurance;
- Shining Stars Youth Education Program –A free year-round children’s program offering after school tutoring, workshops, and summer field trips;
- Pathways to Progress –An adult education program with a GED program and workshops focusing on several different topics from resume building to nutrition;
- Protective Payee – Financial oversight and management for people with mental illness and poor financial histories; and
- Community Organizing – Planning events and forums for neighborhood residents, working to reduce crime and addressing neighborhood issues.

The donations to City on a Hill and Hope House of Milwaukee were made possible through the Walmart Foundation's Wisconsin State Giving Program. Through this program, the Walmart Foundation supports organizations that create opportunities so people can live better. The Walmart Foundation State Giving Program strives to award grants that have a long-lasting, positive impact on communities across the U.S.

Last year in Wisconsin Walmart, Sam's Club locations and the Walmart Foundation awarded more than \$15.1 in cash and in-kind donations to local organizations in the communities they serve in the state of Wisconsin. Through additional funds donated by customers, and Walmart and Sam's Club associates throughout the state, the retailer's contributions in Wisconsin totaled more than \$16.5 million.

To be considered for support, prospective 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.

About Hope House of Milwaukee

Hope House was originally created in 1987 by five local churches to address homelessness on Milwaukee's Southside, Hope House has evolved from a short-term emergency shelter into a long-term transitional housing facility and *true* community center that offers numerous programs and activities to assist men, women and children. *It is the mission of Hope House to end homelessness and create healthy communities.* For information, visit: <http://www.hopehousemke.org/>

About City on a Hill

City on a Hill originated as a church-based program to train urban leaders. In the year 2000, City on a Hill was incorporated and acquired from Aurora Health Care four large buildings of the former Good Samaritan Medical Center - a major hospital in Milwaukee's central city. During the past 11 years, City on a Hill has worked to revitalize both the campus and the surrounding neighborhood. Its accomplishments have included: working with developers to bring 150 units of affordable housing to the site, creating programs to empower youth and families in the central city, operating a free health clinic to serve the poor and homeless, and creating a community center where several other nonprofits are co-located to serve low-income Milwaukee residents. For information, visit: www.cityonahillmilwaukee.org

About Philanthropy at Walmart

Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are proud to support initiatives that are helping people live better around the globe. In May 2010, Walmart and its Foundation made a historic pledge of \$2 billion through 2015 to fight hunger in the U.S. The Walmart Foundation also supports education, workforce development, environmental sustainability, and health and wellness initiatives. To learn more, visit www.walmartfoundation.org.

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