

Wal-Mart gives \$435,000 to Iowa community groups

Here is complete list of the community grants that Wal-Mart announced this week it will give Iowa organizations that feed the needy as part of all of their mission:

- Catholic Council for Social Concern will receive \$25,000 to distribute food and clothing at the St. Mary Family Center in Des Moines. This will allow the Catholic Council to continue to distribute more than 8,500 food boxes each year to an average of 600 underserved families every month.
- Central Iowa Shelter & Services will receive \$34,915 for its Community Kitchen, a program that delivers more than 99,000 meals a year to impoverished neighborhoods throughout Polk County. The Community Kitchen also provides on-the-job training and employment for up to 15 homeless men and women each year.
- Food Bank of Iowa will receive \$30,000 for its Child Hunger initiative, which aims to provide nutritious food to hungry children and their families through school-based pantries.
- Food Bank of Siouxland, Inc. will receive \$37,585 grant for a new food inventory system. The Food Bank of Siouxland provides food to nearly 125 agencies throughout Iowa, including food pantries, children's homes, shelters, and senior citizens centers.
- Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank will receive \$30,000 as part of its Step Up to the Plate Capital Campaign in an effort to relocate its operation. The grant will help pay for remodeling the new building, purchasing commercial-grade freezers and refrigerators and upgrading equipment for safer food storage and handling.
- Iowa Food Bank Association will receive \$50,000 to expand its SNAP Access Points Program. The program is designed to offer mobile registration for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) in order to serve hungry individuals throughout Iowa who are without the technological means to register.
- Iowa Workforce Development Foundation will receive \$75,000 to develop the Iowa Women's Occupational Matching and Networking Project.
- Meals From the Heartland will receive \$25,000 to support Iowa Youth Hunger Fight events. During these events, hundreds of Iowa youth will help package more than 112,000 meals for statewide distribution.
- Sertoma, Inc. will receive \$30,000 to fund Backpack Buddies, a program designed to supplement school breakfast and lunch programs by providing nutrient-rich foods over weekends for children who have little or nothing to eat.
- Youth Emergency Services & Shelter (YESS) will receive \$37,500 to fund itsr Emergency Shelter Meal Program. The grant will help provide meals to the YESS youth shelters which serves children ages 9 through 17.