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Hawaii Non-Profits Receive \$126,000 in Grants From the Walmart Foundation's Hawaii State Giving Council

- Other Hawaii non-profits encouraged to apply for grants before the final 2013 deadline on August 9 -

HONOLULU (July 23, 2013) –Today, the Walmart Foundation's Hawaii State Giving Council announced \$126,000 in grants for three Hawaii non-profits including Family Promise of Hawaii, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, and Junior Achievement of Hawaii.

"At Walmart, we understand that non-profit organizations are essential to building stronger communities across the islands, said Rey Armijo, Hawaii Market Manager for Walmart. " We're proud to give back to the communities we serve and are hopeful that Hawaii residents will feel a positive effect through these grants."

The Hawaii State Giving Council, comprised of local Walmart associates, reviews applications and determines the local grants. Other Hawaii non-profits are encouraged to apply for the final cycle of the 2013 Hawaii State Giving Council's grants before the deadline on August 9, 2013. Minimum grant amounts are \$25,000.

Grants announced today support the following Hawaii non-profits:

- **Family Promise of Hawaii - \$25,000** will help provide shelter, food and intense supportive services for homeless families with children. Approximately 80 percent of their client families transition to sustainable independence within three- to four-months. They operate Family Centers in Kailua and Honolulu.
- **Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice - \$65,000** will help launch a school-wide breakfast pilot program for at-risk elementary students in Hawaii. Hawaii has dropped from 21st place to 47th for school breakfast participation. They hope to expand the program to all elementary schools in Hawaii where 85 percent or more of the students are eligible for federal meal subsidies.
- **Junior Achievement of Hawaii - \$36,000** will enable JA to expand their after-school Financial Literacy programs throughout Hawaii. JA Afterschool is a national initiative dedicated to meeting the need for hands-on, quality educational experiences for K-12 students beyond traditional classroom hours.

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.

To be considered for support, perspective grantee organizations must submit applications through the Walmart Foundation Hawaii 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 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 & 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.

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