Walmart and Sam’s Club Associates Rally Behind
The Children’s Hospital of San Antonio to Raise more than $474,000
Seven-week Miracle Balloon Campaign Helps Fund Critical Medical Care for Local Kids

SAN ANTONIO, TX [December 7, 2016] — Walmart and Sam’s Club associates, customers and members across the San Antonio area and South Central Texas recently wrapped up a seven-week campaign, collecting more than $474,000 for The Children’s Hospital of San Antonio. It was part of a national campaign for Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals which resulted in $37.5 million raised for member hospitals across America.

Donations poured in Aug. 29 through Oct. 16, as Walmart and Sam’s Club associates at 72 locations held various in-store fundraising activities and asked customers and members at the register to help kids live better.

The Laredo Walmart on San Bernardo Avenue raised $67,877.33, and was the top fundraising store in the nation for the second consecutive year. An additional incentive of $5,000 was awarded to the hospital in celebration of the Laredo Walmart’s fundraising success, bringing the store’s total to $72,282.33. The gift will help The Children’s Hospital advance its mission to bring an unprecedented level of pediatric health care to San Antonio and its entire service area, including Laredo. Associates engaged in various fundraising events over the seven-week campaign in addition to the in-store register donations.

“While we focus on providing great services for our customers, it’s all about having a great heart when it comes to fundraising,” said Elena Garcia, store manager for the San Bernardo Walmart. “It brings all of our associates together for one purpose -- to help children of Laredo and South Texas benefit from our efforts.”

“The funds collected at Walmart and Sam’s Clubs stores will help fund medical care, research, and education at The Children’s Hospital of San Antonio,” said John E. Bel, president of The Children’s Hospital of San Antonio Foundation. “With the help of our generous community, we are improving lives of children treated at our hospital, regardless of their parents’ ability to pay. We are truly grateful for their continued support.”

“Walmart and Sam’s Club associates are some of our most passionate and valuable fundraisers,” said John Lauck, president and CEO of Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals. “When an associate realizes the opportunity he or she has to save kids’ lives by simply inviting people to give $1 or more at the register, an incredible thing happens. Members and customers respond. We’re extremely grateful to the millions who contributed to this year’s campaign to help kids live better.”

The fall campaign is the most recent in annual fundraising by the retailers. Walmart and Sam’s Club associates have collected nearly $1 billion for sick and injured children since partnering with the charity in 1987. Walmart and Sam's Club funds impact each of the 170 Children's...
Miracle Network Hospitals, which treat one in 10 children across North America. Hospitals utilize the funds based on what they need most — typically providing lifesaving equipment and research, supporting top therapy programs and providing charitable care.

For more information on Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals, visit: [www.CMNHospitals.org](http://www.CMNHospitals.org).

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Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (NYSE: WMT) helps people around the world save money and live better – anytime and anywhere – in retail stores, online, and through their mobile devices. Each week, we serve nearly 260 million customers who visit our 11,508 stores under 65 banners in 28 countries and e-commerce websites in 11 countries. With fiscal year 2015 revenue of $486 billion, Walmart employs more than 2 million associates worldwide. Walmart continues to be a leader in sustainability, corporate philanthropy and employment opportunity. Additional information about Walmart can be found by visiting [http://corporate.walmart.com](http://corporate.walmart.com) on Facebook at [http://facebook.com/walmart](http://facebook.com/walmart) and on Twitter at [http://twitter.com/walmart](http://twitter.com/walmart). Online merchandise sales are available at [http://www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com) and [http://www.samsclub.com](http://www.samsclub.com).

**About Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals**
Children's Miracle Network Hospitals® raises funds and awareness for 170 member hospitals that provide 32 million treatments each year to kids across the U.S. and Canada. Donations stay local to fund critical treatments and healthcare services, pediatric medical equipment and charitable care. Since 1983, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals has raised more than $5 billion, most of it $1 at a time through the charity's Miracle Balloon icon. Its various fundraising partners and programs support the nonprofit's mission to save and improve the lives of as many children as possible. Find out why children's hospitals need community support, identify your member hospital and learn how you can Put Your Money Where the Miracles Are, at [CMNHospitals.org](http://CMNHospitals.org) and [facebook.com/CMNHospitals](http://facebook.com/CMNHospitals).

**About The Children’s Hospital of San Antonio Foundation**
The Children’s Hospital of San Antonio Foundation was founded in 1955 to support The Children’s Hospital of San Antonio. The Children’s Hospital of San Antonio is the first free-standing hospital in San Antonio solely dedicated to the care of children. Located in the heart of downtown San Antonio, The Children’s Hospital of San Antonio is owned by CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System. Founded in 1869 by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word of Houston and San Antonio, CHRISTUS Santa Rosa is a Catholic, faith-based, nonprofit health and wellness ministry dedicated to extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ and providing the highest quality medical care and services available. As one of the top health care organizations in South-Central Texas, CHRISTUS Santa Rosa has five hospital campuses, with campuses located in downtown San Antonio, the South Texas Medical Center, in New Braunfels, in Westover Hills, and a short-stay surgical hospital in Alamo Heights. For additional information on The Children's Hospital of San Antonio Foundation, visit [www.childrenshospitalsafoundation.org](http://www.childrenshospitalsafoundation.org), find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/chosafoundation](http://www.facebook.com/chosafoundation), and on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/csrfoundations](http://www.twitter.com/csrfoundations).

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