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## **Walmart Foundation Provides \$50,000 Grant to Hempstead's Interfaith Nutrition Network**

*Initiative Builds on the Walmart Foundation's Ongoing Hunger Relief Efforts on Long Island*

**Hempstead, NY, Nov. 29, 2011**– The Walmart Foundation today announced a \$50,000 grant to [The INN \(Interfaith Nutrition Network\)](#) in Hempstead. With this funding, The INN will be able to furnish and implement a walk-through Guest Choice Food Pantry at the Mary Brennan INN soup kitchen.

“The INN is grateful to the Walmart Foundation for helping us to continue to serve hungry and homeless Long Islanders with dignity, respect and love,” said Joseph Barry, Director of Fundraising for The INN. “This grant comes at a time we need it most. In our Hempstead location, we are serving over 500 guests daily a nutritious hot meal, and many of those guests are given pre-packaged groceries so they can have food in their homes. Thanks to this new pantry, guests will be given the opportunity to select nutritious perishable and non-perishable items they want, including fresh produce, meat, and dairy products that they can prepare and consume at home, meeting their unique family needs.”

Walmart and the Walmart Foundation have made a 5-year, \$2 billion commitment to help address hunger needs in the U.S. This grant was awarded through the Walmart Foundation's State Giving Program, which was created to carry out the retailer's commitment to giving back to the communities in which it operates.

“We hope this grant will help address some of the needs of the growing number of Long Island residents who are seeking help from food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters,” said Philip Serghini, Director of Community Affairs at Walmart. “We are appreciative of all that The INN does to help provide healthy, nutritious food to residents in Hempstead and surrounding Long Island communities, and are honored to be able to help them achieve their goals.”

For more information on Walmart and the Walmart Foundation's efforts to help address hunger in America, visit: <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/9599.aspx>

### **About Walmart**

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (NYSE: WMT) serves customers and members more than 200 million times per

week at over 9,700 retail units under 69 different banners in 28 countries. With fiscal year 2011 sales of \$419 billion, Walmart employs 2.1 million associates worldwide. Walmart continues to be a leader in sustainability, corporate philanthropy and employment opportunity.

In 2010, Walmart stores, Sam's Club locations and the Walmart Foundation gave more than \$24.8 million in cash and in-kind donations to local organizations in the communities they serve in the state of New York. Through additional funds donated by customers, and Walmart and Sam's Club associates throughout the state, the retailer's contributions in New York totaled more than \$27.1 million.

Additional information about Walmart can be found by visiting <http://walmartstores.com> and on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/walmart>.

#### **About The Interfaith Nutrition Network**

The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) is a dynamic, not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization working to resolve Long Island's hunger and homelessness issues by providing food, shelter, long-term housing, and supportive services in a dignified and respectful manner to families and individuals seeking assistance. A dedicated staff, committed volunteers, and broadbased community support helps The INN to deliver its services through 19 soup kitchens, three homeless shelters, and 25 long-term housing apartments. As one of Long Island's largest private social service agencies, The INN is ranked among the most cost-effective charities in the United States. For more information on The INN please visit [www.the-inn.org](http://www.the-inn.org) or call (516) 486-8506.

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