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Indiana Women In Need Foundation receives \$50,000 contribution from Walmart to support women with breast cancer in Indiana

Donation brings food and nutritional support to the state of Indiana in 2017

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana – **September 18, 2017** – Today, the I.W.I.N. Foundation received a \$50,000 grant from the <u>Walmart Foundation's State Giving Program</u> to assist with the nutritional needs of women and their families as they endure treatment for breast cancer. Specifically, this grant will benefit 130 women throughout the state of Indiana.

"Nutrition is a critical part of a patient's care plan. Often the side effects of treatment cause patients to be malnourished, which increases fatigue, weakens their immune system and exposes patients to possible infection," said Nancy Shepard, Founder and Executive Director. "We are honored to partner with the Walmart Foundation in our efforts to provide women with the nutritional support they need to build their energy and strength so they can better tolerate the side effects of treatment."

The I.W.I.N. Foundation was founded with a mission to improve the quality of life for individuals with breast cancer. I.W.I.N. provides professional services such as meal preparation, transportation assistance, housekeeping, childcare, eldercare and home maintenance while they are enduring the hardships that treatment for breast cancer causes.

"At Walmart, we understand that organizations such as I.W.I.N. are essential to building stronger communities. They share our values and are committed to helping Indiana women live better, more comfortable lives," said local Market Manager, Martin Lafoon. "Through this donation, we are hopeful that residents in Indiana will have the necessary nutrition to build strength they need to battle breast cancer."

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 United States.

To be considered for support, perspective 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 <u>www.walmartfoundation.org/stategiving</u>.

As part of Walmart's \$2 billion commitment to fight hunger, Walmart stores in Indiana donated 17.3 million pounds of food, in fiscal year 2017, or the equivalent of 14.4 million meals. In fact, in the last giving cycle alone, Walmart gave over \$500,000 to 13 Indiana nonprofits. For more information on Walmart's fight against hunger, visit http://foundation.walmart.com/our-focus/hunger.

About I.W.I.N.

The I.W.I.N. Foundation serves more than 500 individuals annually and has delivered over \$1.5 million worth of support services to those in need throughout the state of Indiana. For information on making a tax-deductible donation, general sponsorship, volunteer opportunities, or to plan a community fundraising event, contact Sue Wynne at the I.W.I.N. Foundation at 317.475.0565 or visit www.iwinfoundation.org.

About Walmart in Indiana

In Indiana we serve customers at 130 retail units and online through Walmart Grocery

<u>Pickup</u>, <u>Walmart.com</u> and <u>Jet.com</u>. We are proud to employ 39,055 associates in Indiana. Walmart supports local businesses, spending \$2 billion with Hoosier suppliers in FYE17, which supported 58,680 supplier jobs. Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are active in Indiana communities where we live and work and invest in communities through local grants, customer engagement and associate volunteer efforts. In FYE17, we contributed more than \$32.3 million in cash and in-kind donations to local nonprofits in Indiana and our local associates volunteered more than 53,000 hours with local causes. Learn more at the <u>Walmart Today blog</u>, and our <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Pinterest</u>, <u>Instagram</u> channels.