



## Walmart and Sam's Club Donate More Than \$4 Million to U.S. Teachers through New Teacher Rewards Program

*Retailer Helps More Than 40,000 U.S. Educators Offset Rising Expenses*

**BENTONVILLE, Ark., Sept. 15, 2009** – To help offset rising expenses for classroom supplies this back-to-school season, Walmart and Sam's Club have launched Teacher Rewards, a new program to provide more than \$4 million to 40,000 deserving teachers across the United States. On average, teachers spend more than \$500 a year out of their own pockets for classroom supplies, according to the American Federation of Teachers. Statistics like these inspire Walmart and Sam's Club associates to continue supporting education and teacher recognition in their local communities.

Focusing on schools with the highest level of need, each Walmart store and Sam's Club location across the nation will select one local kindergarten through eighth grade school to participate in the Teacher Rewards program. Ten teachers per school will be randomly selected to each receive a \$100 Teacher Rewards card to purchase classroom supplies from Walmart, Sam's Club or online at Walmart.com or Samsclub.com. These funds will help teachers purchase classroom supplies for the new school year.

"Teachers nurture, challenge and inspire our children to become our future leaders," said Margaret McKenna, president of the Walmart Foundation. "Through the Teacher Rewards program, Walmart and Sam's Club recognize those efforts and allow educators to purchase the materials needed to support excellent teaching."

In addition to the 40,000 teachers who will be recognized by Walmart and Sam's Club, Walmart's 170 Transportation Offices and Distribution Centers nationwide will award local schools with \$85,000 from the Walmart Foundation to help make a difference in students' lives. Walmart also recently awarded 20 teachers with classroom school supplies through its Write to Change the Classroom program.

The new Teacher Rewards program and the recent Write to Change the Classroom program are an extension of the retailer's ongoing support of education and local community involvement. In 2008, Walmart, Sam's Club and the Walmart Foundation gave more than \$66 million to fund educational programs and scholarships in communities across the country.

To learn more about the Walmart Foundation's commitment to education, visit [www.walmartfoundation.org](http://www.walmartfoundation.org).

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