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Nationwide Rebuilding Project Comes Together Through Volunteerism Partnership

Rebuilding Together and Wal-Mart Renovate Homes and Schools in 21 Markets

Washington, DC — The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well, thanks to the country's largest all-volunteer program, Rebuilding Together, and Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUB associates nationwide. Teams from the two organizations are joining forces to provide repairs and renovations this weekend in 21 cities across the country.

These efforts are part of a larger effort by Wal-Mart and Rebuilding Together during September and October. In all, 21 low-income families and three schools in 21 selected markets across the country will be benefiting from the volunteer efforts.

EDITOR'S NOTE: See list of all 21 cities and dates at the end of this release.

Volunteerism is nothing new for Wal-Mart. The company has a long-standing program called Volunteerism Always Pays. This program encourages and recognizes the volunteer efforts of Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUB associates by making donations to charitable organizations on behalf of the associates who volunteered. Donations range from \$250 - \$5,000 depending on the number of hours and associates involved.

According to Betsy Reithemeyer, vice president, Wal-Mart/SAM'S CLUB Foundation, more than 14,300 Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUB associates volunteered 852,000 hours to worthy causes last year. Because the company does a financial matching grant based on the number of hours volunteered, Wal-Mart donated nearly \$1.5 million to these organizations most important to their associates and the communities in which they live.

"So many of our associates are active volunteers in their local communities," said Reithemeyer. "We believe it is important to maximize their impact by awarding donations to the organizations where they volunteer."

Associates may also volunteer as a group through Volunteerism Always Pays, added Reithemeyer. "Our partnership with Rebuilding Together is a good example of how our company's associates come together in teams to do good works."

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“Our organization is delighted to partner with Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUB in this effort by serving the needs of so many in communities across the country,” said Patricia R. Johnson, president and CEO of Rebuilding Together. “Corporations like Wal-Mart are truly are making a difference for families in need, one nail at a time.”

About Rebuilding Together

Rebuilding Together is the nation’s largest non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve and revitalize houses and communities to assure that low-income homeowners, particularly those who are elderly and disabled, live in warmth, safety and independence. Through 2003, Rebuilding Together has rehabilitated over 87,000 houses, utilizing 2.3 million volunteers for a market value of \$812 million. For more information about Rebuilding Together, go to www.rebuildingtogether.org.

About Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. operates Wal-Mart Stores, Supercenters, Neighborhood Markets and SAM’S CLUBS in all fifty states. Internationally, the company operates in Puerto Rico, Canada, China, Mexico, Brazil, Germany, United Kingdom, Argentina and South Korea. The company's securities are listed on the New York and Pacific stock exchanges under the symbol WMT. Last year, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., contributed more than \$150 million to support communities and local non-profit organizations. Customers and associates raised an additional \$70 million at stores and clubs.

More information about Wal-Mart can be located on-line at www.walmartstores.com and www.walmart.com. The SAM'S CLUB Web site can be accessed at www.samsclub.com. And more information about Wal-Mart's *Good Works* community involvement is available online at www.walmartfoundation.org.

Rebuilding Together/Wal-Mart Project Cities and Dates

(All dates are Saturday, Sept. 18, unless otherwise indicated.)

- Arlington, Texas
- Atlanta, Georgia
- Baltimore, Maryland
- Columbus, Ohio
- Denver, Colorado
- Fayetteville/Northwest Arkansas
- Long Beach, California
- Newark/Essex County, New Jersey (Sept. 25)
- Oakland County, Michigan (Oct. 16)
- Orange County, California
- Orlando, Florida (Oct. 16)
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Phoenix, Arizona
- Sacramento, California
- San Antonio, Texas
- San Francisco, California
- Seattle, Washington
- St. Louis, Missouri (date TBD)
- Tampa, Florida (Oct. 16)
- Tucson, Arizona
- Washington, D.C.