Walmart State Giving Grant for Ryves Youth Center

It is rare to have such a grand and generous offer made to an organization that serves the needs of children and families. We are thrilled that Walmart, through the Walmart Foundation, has made a $250,000 grant to our Youth Center in Terre Haute.

This generous gift will allow the Youth Center to open its doors to 400 inner-city children in the summer of 2012, and to 600 children in the fall of 2012. We will use the funding to support our summer day camp – which is now in its 32nd year – and our youth service program.

The Summer Day Camp is a 6-week program that offers free summer camp and support services to children in the Washington Park area of Terre Haute. The program includes academic tutoring, recreational activities, meals, and support services. The summer camp and youth support programs will operate from June 25 through August 3.

The fall youth service program, in partnership with United Way, provides life-skill training and academic support to children in the park area in a half-day morning program. The curriculum includes classes and activities that focus on life skills, nutrition, pre-employment training, and recreation.

The grant will help us continue to provide these programs to children and families in the area.

We are grateful to Walmart and the Walmart Foundation for their generosity and commitment to the local community.
Terre Haute Catholic Charities Foodbank
Revenue for the program: $517,486.94
Expenses: $513,083.40
Food Bank Member agencies, 2,400,220 Pounds of Food Distributed, 2,400,220 Pounds of Food Collected from Donors
As a certified affiliate of Feeding America, the Foodbank solicits, collects, sorts, safely warehouses, and distributes 2 million meals each year to more than 30,000 individuals living in Clay, Greene, Knox, Parke, Sullivan, Vermillion, and Vigo counties.

Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen
Women, married couples and families, 172 adults and 86 children
This past year, we celebrated the 73rd year of existence here in the Victoria Valley with our Annual Benefit Dinner on September 7, 2011, held at Idle Creek Golf Course and Banquet Center. The event, with featured speakers — former Indiana Supreme Court Justice William G. Goodwin and announced two individuals who have made significant contributions to the success of our programs and the clients we serve. These individuals were honored at our annual dinner and are so important to the success of our agency. We are grateful for their efforts. Individuals honored at the 2011 Fundraising dinner: Olivia Goosley and Mary Lovett

Ryves House at Spring Hill
Emergency Shelter
Revenue for the program: $42,069.03
Expenses: $45,107.59
1,508 Youth participated in Ryves Participation in Activities*
Our Services
All of our agency’s services are offered on a fixed-fee basis, with the exception of member food pantries paying a nominal $15 to $19 per pound of food (excluding USDA Commodities and the like) for transportable food items to the Foodbank for fixed cost reimbursement. Transportation, insurance, and safe storage.

Bethany House
Emergency Shelter
Revenue for the program: $170,743.98
Expenses: $233,031.60
Shelter: 672 adults and 8 children locally. For single women, married couples and families, 105 adults and 20 children

Christmas Store
Revenue for the program: $28,071.14
Expenses: $35,107.59
Serving the needs of low-income families, 55 families

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- Allan Campbell
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Marine Corps League Grant
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