The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Receives $60,000 Walmart Foundation State Giving Grant

Grant to support organization’s food programs at two locations in Lyon and Washoe counties

Reno, Nev. – June 16, 2016 – Today, Walmart, on behalf of the Walmart Foundation, presented the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows with a $60,000 State Giving grant to support the organization’s food programs at Fernley Intermediate School and E.L. Wiegand Early Learning Center. Last year, with Walmart’s support, the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows was able to serve a record-setting 105,000 meals at the two sites.

“The food program at the Club is essential to the health and productivity of our kids,” said Mike Wurm, Executive Director or the Boys & Curls Club of Truckee Meadows. “If they are hungry, they aren’t learning or listening. Some members are with us over ten hours each day and that means multiple meals. We are extremely grateful to have found a partner in Walmart. They share our mission and have made a real difference to Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows.”

Following the check presentation, representatives from both the Boys & Girls Club and Walmart toured the E.L Wiegand Early Learning Center and assisted with the daily meal program. This initiative provides an afternoon meal during the school year, along with breakfast and lunch during the summer and school breaks, at no charge to any child under the age of 18. Food is provided at no cost to participants, and all meals meet federal nutritional requirements.

“We’re proud to support the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows in their efforts to ensure that every child that walks through their doors can receive a nutritious meal,” said Amy Hill, Walmart senior director of public affairs. “Walmart strongly believes in giving back locally, and we are committed to helping organizations that make a difference in the communities we serve.”

In 2015, the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows served 290,000 hot, nutritious meals to approximately 14,000 young people at its four food sites. In addition to its food programs, the nonprofit provides its members with positive and productive outlets for their energy with programs such as after-school tutoring, character and leadership development, healthy lifestyles, athletics and art.

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 U.S. To be considered for support, prospective 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 www.walmartfoundation.org/stategiving.

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About the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows

The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows is the leading non-profit youth services agency in northern Nevada. Its mission is to enhance the quality of life for children, ages 0 to 18, in the Truckee Meadows through afterschool, summer and school break programming and services. The Club is committed to creating healthy children, in body and mind, with a sense of competence, usefulness, responsibility, belonging and influence, through diverse programs and community involvement. Founded in 1976, the Club now serves more than 14,000 children at 20 sites throughout the Truckee Meadows. At all of its sites, the Boys & Girls Club strives to provide kids with positive and productive outlets for their energy with programs such as afterschool tutoring, character and leadership development, healthy lifestyles, athletics and art. And while the Club invests more than $2,500 annually into each of its members, memberships cost just $20 per year, providing equal opportunity to all children in the community. Connect with the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows on Facebook, www.Facebook.com/PositivePlace, Twitter, www.Twitter.com/PositivePlace and Instagram, www.Instagram.com/ThePositivePlace.
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