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Care and Share Food Bank Receives \$50,000 Walmart Foundation Grant to Build Retail Infrastructure Capacity

Grant will fund equipment designed to handle perishable products, facilitating increased distribution of nutritious food

Colorado Springs, CO (August 7, 2015) – Care and Share Food Bank today announced a \$50,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation to fund retail infrastructure that will ultimately help secure and distribute more nutritious food for families in need. The grant will support investments in the equipment necessary to handle perishable products including refrigerated vehicles, coolers and freezers for transporting, storing and distributing food, thermometers and temperature calibration devices, among other items.

Since 2009, the Walmart Foundation has invested in more than 170 refrigerated vehicles so that Feeding America member food banks and their partner agencies can get more food to people struggling with hunger. This year, the Walmart Foundation expanded the scope of the grant to offer a broader variety of equipment options that will meet the needs of more food banks and agencies.

“The Walmart Foundation has been a tremendous partner in helping us design strategies that help us serve more people with nutritious food,” said Lynne Telford, President and CEO. “This grant will go a long way in helping Care and Share expand our capacity to serve the children and families in Southern Colorado.”

Care and Share secures fresh, perishable food from retailers across Southern Colorado. The Walmart Foundation has been instrumental in helping build the capacity of food banks to rescue and distribute more perishable food from retailers across the United States in a sustainable, cost-effective way. Walmart and the Walmart Foundation provide donations of both food and funds

to Feeding America and its nationwide member network of 200 food banks. This works aligns with Walmart and the Walmart Foundation's commitment to create a more sustainable food system, with a focus on improving the affordability of food by lowering the "true cost" of food for both customers and the environment, increasing access to food, making healthier eating easier, and improving the safety and transparency of the food chain. It includes a goal of providing four billion meals to those in need in the U.S. over the next five years.

With food insecurity remaining high throughout the country, the ability to distribute more food is critical for food banks. According to the USDA, about 49 million people – including 16 million children – in the United States are food insecure, which means at some point during the year, they won't know where their next meal will come from. In Southern Colorado, approximately 15 percent of residents are food insecure.

About Care and Share Food Bank

At Care and Share Food Bank, we believe that no one should go hungry. Every day, we provide food to our partner agencies across Southern Colorado to serve families, children and seniors in need because well-fed communities are safer, more stable, and more vibrant for us all. Care and Share is also a member of Feeding America, a national food bank association. Every year, Care and Share distributes more than 19 million pounds of food throughout 31 counties in Southern Colorado to more than 300 partner agencies.

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