

Donor Spotlight: January 2016

Walmart/Walmart Foundation



Walmart is giving people access to a better life, one community at a time. Walmart's mission is to create opportunities so that people can live better and they consider it their responsibility to make a positive impact in the communities they serve. In 2014, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation gave \$1.4 billion in cash and in-kind contributions around the world. Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services (SFBFS) is grateful to have been a recipient of Walmart's generosity. In April 2015, SFBFS received a \$38,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation for SFBFS' Food program.

Through community support, SFBFS provides emergency groceries to families in need through direct client service as well as through partner agencies, six days per week. In an effort to move families toward self-sufficiency, grocery items such as fresh vegetables and fruit, grains and dairy are distributed instead of hot meals. Through direct food distributions (four sites per month), as well as partner agencies, 150,000 individuals receive an abundance of fresh groceries every month.

In December 2014, SFBFS merged with Senior Gleaners, Inc. (SGI) and became the main food bank of Sacramento County. With the merger, SFBFS acquired its 110,000 square foot Distribution Center (DC), boasting 83,000 square feet of warehouse space. Thanks to Walmart's generous funding, SFBFS purchased greatly needed equipment for the DC. Racking and installation, an industrial floor sweeper and mopping machine and thermal barriers for cold storage units all enabled SFBFS to bring the former SGI facility into compliance with food and safety regulations. This equipment brings SFBFS that much closer to ending food insecurity for the 244,000 food insecure individuals in Sacramento County.

Helping our neighbors in need would not be possible without support from the community. SFBFS is grateful and fortunate to receive the support of so many community-minded organizations like Walmart. Walmart's generosity is an example of how together, we can support families on their journey to self-sufficiency.



SFBFS employee using the new industrial sweeper purchased through the Walmart grant.