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**NeighborImpact Food Bank Receives \$30,000 from the Walmart Foundation
to Support Food Recovery Program**

Donation will help provide meals to individuals in need throughout Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook counties

REDMOND, Ore. – January 3, 2012 – NeighborImpact Food Bank received a \$30,000 contribution to support its Food Recovery Program. The grant – which was given to the nonprofit organization through the Walmart Foundation’s State Giving Program – will serve to alleviate hunger by absorbing the many maintenance costs of tri-county food recovery including collection, transportation and program expansion expenses.

“NeighborImpact works to serve and speak out for the economically disadvantaged people in Central Oregon,” said Sharon Miller, executive director of NeighborImpact. “With this grant, NeighborImpact will be able to expand its reach and resources to more individuals in need and help to increase its monthly donations by roughly 25 percent in 2012.”

NeighborImpact’s Food Recovery Program receives more than 700,000 pounds of food from the Oregon Food Bank and local vendors such as the Bend and Redmond Walmart annually. The food, which typically includes produce, dairy, meat and baked goods, is transported in refrigerated trucks to NeighborImpact’s facility, where it is stored until distribution. The food gets distributed to more than 17,000 individuals every month through a network of agencies located throughout Central Oregon.

“The Walmart Foundation is pleased to support NeighborImpact, and we are committed to helping people who need it the most in the communities we serve,” said Matti Havener, senior director and regional general manager for Walmart in Oregon and Washington. “Through this grant, we hope to serve the organization’s mission by providing for those in need.”

The contribution to NeighborImpact was made possible through the Walmart Foundation’s Oregon State Giving Program. Through this program, the Walmart Foundation supports organizations that create opportunities so people can live better. The Walmart Foundation State Giving Program strives to award grants that have a long-lasting, positive impact on communities across the U.S.

About NeighborImpact: Since 1985, NeighborImpact has been a leader in developing solutions and bringing resources to Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes County. It offers a diversity of services meeting basic human needs for food and shelter, while enriching people’s lives by providing access to increased education, skills, and hope for the future. NeighborImpact is a private nonprofit organization that receives federal, state and local funding; foundation grants; and donations from individuals and businesses in our community. To learn more about NeighborImpact please visit www.neighborimpact.org.

About Philanthropy at Walmart: Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are proud to support initiatives that are helping people live better around the globe. In May 2010, Walmart and its Foundation made a historic pledge of \$2 billion through 2015 to fight hunger in the U.S. The Walmart Foundation also supports education, workforce development, environmental sustainability, and health and wellness initiatives. To learn more, visit www.walmartfoundation.org.

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