

Walmart's Support for Veterans: What Nonprofits are Saying

"Walmart's support of Syracuse University's Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities (EBV) and EBV-Families programs has enabled us to help more Veterans and military families attain the American dream of business ownership by expanding these opportunities across the nation through our network of world-class business schools. In addition, Walmart's recent support of Veterans as Women Igniting the Spirit of Entrepreneurship (V-WISE), will give more of our nation's Veteran women access to the training and tools they need to turn their ideas for business into successful ventures."

- **Mike Haynie, Executive Director, Institute for Veterans and Military Families, Syracuse University**

"You can tell a lot about a company by how it conducts its business, but more by how it gives back. Walmart is committed to supporting our military families and veterans, from their veteran employment efforts, to supporting food assistance programs for military families, to helping with emergency assistance. When our troops need them, Walmart is there -- from executives to the associates on the floor."

- **Jim Knotts, CEO, Operation Homefront**

"SCORE's Veteran Fast Launch program would truly not have been possible without the support of the Walmart Foundation. It is a resource that is proving invaluable to returning veterans and their families. SCORE recently attended the National Veterans Small Business Conference and Expo in New Orleans where we met hundreds of veterans and spoke with many organizations who are supporting veteran small business owners. We were delighted that our program has been highly complimented as a "must" resource for veterans who are going into their own small businesses."

- **Mark Dobosz, President, The SCORE Foundation**

"Walmart's initial and ongoing support for Sesame Workshop's Talk, Listen, Connect initiative has been instrumental in helping us reach hundreds of thousands of military families and their young children with unique resources to help them navigate the challenges they may face and support one another through difficult circumstances. We hope that with the help of their friends from Sesame Street, our military families will continue to discover ways to forge family bonds and find resiliency in the face of change."

- **Gary E. Knell, President and CEO, Sesame Workshop**



“The Walmart Foundation’s generous commitment to our non-profit organization has provided the financial and social impetus for us to become the national leader in putting veterans back to work with “boots on the ground” in the green economy. From energy efficiency to natural resources management, our returning veterans are repurposing their lives and mission to lead and serve our communities and sustain our environment.”

- ***Dr. Bill Doe, CEO, Veterans Green Jobs***

“The American Council on Education (ACE) is grateful for the generous support of the Walmart Foundation, which awarded 20 *Success for Veterans Award Grants* to institutions across the U.S. designed to expand current programs and services and disseminate promising practices nationwide. This work has already impacted more than 82,300 service members, veterans and their families.”

- ***Molly Corbett Broad, President, American Council on Education***

“Homecoming for Veterans is a time of joy and challenge. The Walmart Foundation’s generous support for Community Circles of Support for Veterans’ Families has created a new intervention for Veterans and their families to strengthen interpersonal communication, and promote reintegration of Veterans with their families and communities. Thanks to Walmart Foundation, we have an important new resource to help returning Veterans. We are very pleased with the strong interest our program has received from the Department of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and the White House.”

- ***Ellen Bassuk, MD, President, National Center on Family Homelessness***

“The Walmart Foundation has been an extremely important partner in our efforts to provide free mental health care to our returning troops, their families, and their communities. They have given us much more than just financial support. Over the years they have provided valuable insight, shown a commitment to our vision, and helped us develop and implement creative and effective programs that have resulted in the successful organization we are today.”

- ***Barbara Van Dahlen, Founder and President, Give an Hour***