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Wal-Mart Opens First Experimental Supercenter

New store to blend environmental sustainability with quality products and services at every day low prices

McKinney, TX, July 20, 2005. Wal-Mart is proud to announce the opening of a new supercenter in McKinney, Texas, which will also serve as an experimental store.

The new supercenter, offering a full line of groceries, bakery goods, deli foods, meat and dairy products, fresh produce, a Tire Lube and Express and a vision center just to name a few services, will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The supercenter will employ about 450 people, including 178 new jobs from the relocation. (See fact sheet for additional details.)

Not only will the new supercenter provide quality products and every day low prices, the new experimental store could profoundly change the way the retail industry designs, constructs, and manages facilities as it relates to the environment.

"The 450 associates here at McKinney are excited that they have such a unique store and the opportunity to share with our customers everyday how Wal-Mart is learning new ways to become a better steward of the environment," said Brent Allen, store manager.

"We see it as a next step in evaluating the impact we leave on the environment as we look toward smart growth and sustainability in the building of our new stores," said Mike Duke, executive vice president and chief executive officer of Wal-Mart Stores – USA. "This store will contain many of the best resource conservation and sustainable design technologies currently available to minimize the use of energy and natural resources."

The McKinney store will experiment with materials, technology, and processes, which include:

- ◆ Reducing the amounts of energy and natural resources required to operate and maintain the stores
- ◆ Reducing the amount of raw materials needed to construct the facility.
- ◆ Substituting, when appropriate the amount of renewable materials used to construct and maintain the facility.

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“We want to make the best use of renewable and alternate sources like wind and solar energy to generate electricity to supplement the power needs of the store,” said Don Moseley, PE, Wal-Mart’s experimental projects manager. “The store at McKinney will draw its energy first from on-site resources and systems, and then from conventional utility sources as a secondary service. For example, the waste cooking oil which had been used to fry chicken will be recycled by mixing it with used automotive oil from the Tire and Lube Express to serve as fuel to heat the building.”

Wal-Mart has contracted with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory to provide testing and analysis on store systems and materials, based on national scientific measurements and standards, for a period of three years.

Sharing the results of the store’s experiments with the rest of the retail and development industry could turn low-volume, rare technologies into industry standards. Wal-Mart hopes to learn new environmental conservation best management practices and benchmarks that will serve as future design standards in the retail industry when it comes to land development and building construction. (See press kit for details.)

“As the world’s largest retailer, we are excited that we can lead the way in promoting the use of sustainable building and business practices in retail and the real estate development process,” said Duke. “We will share our experiences with the industry, the general public and government agencies, and will apply best environmental practices to future Wal-Mart facilities.”

We are always striving to understand and impact, in a positive way, the global footprint Wal-Mart has on the environment. Wal-Mart is the only company in America that has committed to offset its footprint – past, present and future – for land conservation. Wal-Mart is preserving an acre of wildlife habitat for every developed acre of our footprint. Additionally, Wal-Mart has a special program in place to help find new uses for every store it leaves. Last year, Wal-Mart recycled 2.8 million tons of cardboard, 9,416 tons of plastic, 262 million aluminum cans, glass containers and plastic bottles and 49 million disposable cameras.

For a press kit, log onto www.walmartfacts.com

About Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. operates Wal-Mart Stores, Supercenters, Neighborhood Markets and SAM'S CLUB locations in the United States. Internationally, the company operates in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Puerto Rico, South Korea and the United Kingdom. The company's securities are listed on the New York and Pacific stock exchanges under the symbol WMT. More information about Wal-Mart can be found by visiting www.walmartfacts.com. Online merchandise sales are available at www.walmart.com.

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Store fast facts

- New location: 2041 Red Bud Blvd., McKinney, Texas
- Originally opened in 1978 at 1670 West University.
- 206,000-square-foot Wal-Mart Supercenter, gaining an additional 86,000 square feet
- Store opening Wednesday, July 20, immediately following 8:30 a.m. grand opening ceremony
- Store manager: Brent Allen. Allen started his career at Wal-Mart as an hourly associate 14 years ago in Plano.

Store features

- Full line of groceries, bakery goods, deli foods, frozen foods, meat and dairy products and fresh produce, a Tire & Lube Express, a vision center, a portrait studio, a pharmacy, a one-hour photo lab, a family fun center, a branch of Woodforest National Bank, a Blimpie sandwich shop, a Smart Style hair salon, a Da Vi nail salon and a Wal-Mart Connection Center for cellular phone sales.
- Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- 17 full-service, six express and eight self check-out lanes

Employment

- Total employment is 450, including 178 new jobs created by the relocation
- Fifty-two associates at this store have worked with Wal-Mart more than 10 years.
- Majority of jobs are full-time
- As of October 2004, the average wage at Wal-Mart for full-time hourly associates in the Dallas area was \$10.51 per hour.
- Wal-Mart benefits – available to full- and part-time associates – include healthcare insurance with no lifetime maximum. Associate premiums begin at less than \$40 per month for an individual and less than \$155 per month for a family, no matter how large. Wal-Mart also offers a 401(k) plan and profit sharing contributions, whether an associate contributes or not, store discount cards, performance-based bonuses, discounted stock purchase program and life insurance.

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Community Giving

Wal-Mart's community giving is based on the philosophy of operating globally and giving back locally. In our experience, we can make the greatest impact on communities by supporting issues and causes that are important to our customers and associates in their own neighborhoods.

Store manager, Brent Allen and his team of 450 associates are proud to announce the following grants to be given to their neighbors on July 20th totaling \$18,250.

Heard Natural Science Museum	\$ 6,000.00
Anna High School-Athletic Booster Club	\$ 1,000.00
McKinney Education Foundation	\$ 1,000.00
Collin County Historical Society	\$ 1,000.00
City of McKinney Police Department	\$ 750.00
Collin County Committee on Aging	\$ 1,500.00
Boys and Girls Club of Collin County	\$ 2,000.00
City of McKinney Police Department	\$ 1,500.00
City of McKinney Fire Department	\$ 500.00
Webb Elementary School	\$ 1,000.00
Finch Elementary School	\$ 1,000.00
United Way	\$ 1,000.00

In 2004, Wal-Mart Stores and SAM'S CLUB gave \$16,435,558 to local causes and organizations in the communities they serve in the state of Texas. In addition, many charities and organizations received in-kind donations and additional funds raised through stores, CLUBS and distribution centers in the amount of \$9,358,344, for a grand total of \$25,793,902 contributed through Wal-Mart's presence across the state.

The store will also have a budget to give donations away throughout the year. Organizations interested in receiving funding can contact the store for details.

Visit www.walmartfoundation.org for more information about our giving programs.