

# WAL★MART®

Corporate Communications

479.273.4314 [www.walmartfacts.com](http://www.walmartfacts.com)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Media Relations Contact:**  
479-273-4314

***Statement from Wal-Mart Regarding the WakeUp Wal-Mart Bus Tour***

**Bentonville, Ark. (August 17, 2006)** - "This is a union-funded publicity stunt that's more about politics than anything else. The fact is these union-funded groups are attacking the wrong company. Wal-Mart offers associates \$23 per month health plans, creates tens of thousands of jobs per year, and is selling more organic and environmentally friendly products.

"The working families of Iowa should be able to decide for themselves where to shop and save their hard-earned dollars. Union-funded groups shouldn't be making the decision for them."

**Wal-Mart Iowa Facts**

- Wal-Mart employs 17,464 associates in the state of Iowa, and the average wage for regular, full-time hourly associates is \$10.30 for the state.
- In FYE 2006, Wal-Mart spent nearly \$1 billion for merchandise and services with over 1,000 suppliers in the state of Iowa. Through these relationships, Wal-Mart supports 56,784 supplier jobs.
- Wal-Mart collected more than \$141.7 million in sales taxes for the state of Iowa last year, and paid more than \$26.1 million in state and local taxes for the same time period.
- Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUB gave over \$2.7 million in cash and in-kind donations to local causes and organizations in communities throughout Iowa in 2005.

***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. The company also operates in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Japan, Mexico, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, South Korea and the United Kingdom. The company's securities are listed on the New York and NYSE Arca stock exchanges under the symbol WMT. More information about Wal-Mart can be found by visiting [www.walmartfacts.com](http://www.walmartfacts.com).

###