



Clermont, FL

Jan 27, 2006

CLERMONT, Fla., Jan. 20, 2006 – Supporting the community with 475 new jobs, charitable support and every day low prices, the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Clermont, which opens at 8 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 27, will celebrate its grand opening at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31. The store is located at 1450 Johns Lake Road.

Store features

According to Store Manager Saul Daconceicao, the new 204,452-square-foot Wal-Mart Supercenter features 36 general merchandise departments including apparel and accessories, fine jewelry, a lawn and garden center, health and beauty aids, and a full line of electronics. In addition, the store offers a bakery, a delicatessen, a frozen food section and meat, dairy and fresh produce sections. It will be open to customers 24 hours a day, seven days a week and will include 22 full-service, eight express and four self check-out lanes.

Other store features include: a Tire & Lube Express, a Blimpie restaurant, a portrait studio, a one-hour photo lab, a vision center, a pharmacy, a Smart Style hair salon and a Regal Nail Salon. In addition, the store will have a SunTrust Bank branch, a Murphy USA gasoline station and a Wal-Mart Connect Center for wireless phone sales.

Grand opening activities – Tuesday, Jan. 31

Numerous product samples, character appearances and give-aways will take place throughout the day.

Employment

The store will employ approximately 475 associates, most of which will be full-time. More than 1,000 people applied for jobs at the new store, according to Daconceicao. The national average wage at Wal-Mart for full-time hourly associates is approximately \$10.11 per hour.*

"We were thrilled with the large pool of applicants we had for our jobs," said Daconceicao. "It makes me proud to work for this company where there truly are unlimited opportunities." Eighteen of the Clermont store's associates have worked for Wal-Mart for more than 10 years, added Daconceicao.

Charitable giving

Upon its opening, the store will announce \$35,000 in donations through Wal-Mart's Good Works community involvement program to a number of organizations. The store will also have a budget to give donations away locally throughout the year. Organizations interested in receiving funding can contact the store for details.

Groups receiving donations upon the store's opening include:

- Cecil E. Gray Middle School
- City of Clermont Fire Department
- City of Clermont Police Department
- City of Groveland Fire Department
- City of Groveland Police Department
- City of Mascotte Fire Department
- City of Mascotte Police Department
- City of Minneola
- City of Minneola Fire Department
- City of Montverde Fire Department

- Clermont Elementary School
- Clermont Middle School
- Clermont-Minneola Lions Club
- Community Foundation of South Lake County
- Cypress Ridge Elementary
- East Ridge High School
- Green Isle Foundation
- Groveland Elementary School
- Heart House Ministries-Haley's House
- Kiwanis Club of South Lake
- Lost Lake Elementary
- Make A Wish Foundation
- Mascotte Elementary School
- Minneola Elementary School
- Pine Ridge Elementary School
- South Lake Chamber of Commerce
- South Lake County Historical Society
- South Lake High School
- South Lake Hospital
- Special Olympics of Florida
- United Way
- Windy Hill Middle School

In 2004, Wal-Mart Stores and SAM'S CLUB gave \$10,712,241 to local causes and organizations in the communities they serve in the state of Florida. In addition, many charities and organizations received in-kind donations and additional funds raised through stores, CLUBS and distribution centers in the amount of \$9,609,231, for a grand total of \$20,321,472 contributed through Wal-Mart's presence across the state.

Wal-Mart in Florida

EDITOR'S NOTE: See www.walmartfacts.com for more information about Wal-Mart in Florida.

As of December 2005, Wal-Mart employed 95,853 associates and owned and operated the following facilities in the state of Florida as of October 2005:

- Supercenters: 125
- Discount Stores: 49
- Neighborhood Markets: 8
- SAM'S CLUBS: 39
- Distribution Centers: 6

In 2004, Wal-Mart collected on behalf of the state of Florida more than \$691.2 million in sales taxes and paid more than \$55.6 million in state and local taxes.

About Wal-Mart Stores

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.

EDITOR'S NOTES

- Wal-Mart store employees are called associates.
- Saul Daconceicao, store manager, can provide details about the grand opening, offer quotes for interviews and arrange for photo opportunities or preview tours. He can be contacted at 352-243-6151.
- An invitation-only open house for VIPs, Wal-Mart associates and their families is scheduled for Thursday,

Jan. 26, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Preview tours will be provided. Checks will be presented to representatives of the community organizations this evening. Reporters and photographers are welcome.

* Average wage taken yearly (December 2005). See www.walmartfacts.com for more details.

FACT SHEET

Clermont Wal-Mart Supercenter

Store fast facts

- Location: 1450 Johns Lake Road, Clermont, Fla.
- 204,452-square-foot Wal-Mart Supercenter
- Store opening at 8 a.m., Friday, Jan. 27; Grand Opening event Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 7:30 a.m.
- Store manager: Saul Daconceicao

Store features

- Full line of groceries, bakery goods, deli foods, frozen foods, meat and dairy products and fresh produce, apparel and accessories, fine jewelry, lawn and garden center, health and beauty aids, full line of electronics, Tire & Lube Express, vision center, Blimpie restaurant, portrait studio, one-hour photo lab, pharmacy, Smart Style hair salon, Regal nail salon, SunTrust Bank branch, Murphy USA gasoline station and a Wal-Mart Connect Center
- Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- 22 full-service, eight express and four self check-out lanes

Employment

- 475 new jobs; 1,000 applicants
 - Majority of jobs are full-time
 - The national average wage at Wal-Mart for full-time hourly associates is approximately \$10.11 per hour.*
 - Approximately 76 percent of Wal-Mart store managers started as hourly associates.
- * Average wage taken yearly (December 2005). See www.walmartfacts.com for details.

Charitable giving

- \$35,000 in contributions to 32 area organizations
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