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**CAREERS for People with Disabilities, Inc. Receives \$25,000 from the Walmart Foundation to Enhance its Employment Program**

**VALHALLA, New York, June 30, 2009** – CAREERS for People with Disabilities, Inc. today received a \$25,000 contribution to assist with its employment program for individuals with disabilities throughout Westchester and Putnam counties. The grant, which was given to the non-profit organization through the Walmart Foundation's State Giving Program, will work to help disabled people who are seeking employment by maximizing their ability to find and keep a job.

"This grant will help disabled individuals in real need, who often face extraordinary challenges when seeking employment. This new program will enable them to become financially and socially independent and truly integrate into and contribute to society," said Tina Cornish-Lauria, Executive Director of CAREERS. "We are truly grateful to the Walmart Foundation for this support that significantly improves the quality of lives of individuals with disabilities who live in our communities."

Through this grant, CAREERS will fund their Workforce Readiness, Placement and Training Program. The program provides in-depth, classroom instruction to individuals with disabilities to give them the skills necessary to apply for and obtain employment. Skills taught through the training program include: interviewing techniques, resume writing, how to complete job applications, techniques for taking job application tests, how to dress appropriately, and how to follow up after the interview.

"Walmart is pleased to be able to provide CAREERS for People With Disabilities, Inc. this grant which will directly impact the lives of individuals with disabilities throughout the region," said Philip Serghini, Senior Manager for Walmart Stores, Inc.

The contribution to CAREERS for People With Disabilities, Inc. was made possible through the Walmart Foundation's New York State Giving Program (SGP). 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.

To be considered for support, perspective grantee organizations must submit applications through the Walmart Foundation State Giving Program's online grant application. Eligible applicants must have a current 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status in order to meet the program's minimum funding criteria. Additional information about the program's funding guidelines and application process are available online at [www.walmartfoundation.org/stategiving](http://www.walmartfoundation.org/stategiving).

From February 2008 through January 2009, the Walmart Foundation awarded more than \$423 million in cash and in-kind gifts, an \$85.6 million increase over its global giving in the previous year. Walmart's FYE 2009 giving breakdown:

- In the U.S., Walmart donated more than \$378 million in cash and in-kind gifts, up from \$296 million in 2007.
- In international markets, Walmart gave \$45.5 million in cash and in-kind gifts, up from \$41 million in 2007.
- Globally, Walmart's customers and associates gave more than \$106 million through in-store giving programs that benefit local charities.
- In total, Walmart, its Foundations, its customers and its associates supported communities around the globe with nearly \$530 million in charitable contributions during FYE 2009.

***About Philanthropy at Walmart Stores, Inc.***

*Walmart Stores, Inc. (NYSE: WMT) and the Walmart Foundation are proud to support the charitable causes that are important to customers and associates in their own neighborhoods. Through its philanthropic programs and partnerships, the Wal-Mart Foundation funds initiatives focused on creating opportunities in education, workforce development, economic opportunity, environmental sustainability, and health and wellness. From February 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009, Walmart – and its domestic and international Foundations – gave more than \$423 million in cash and in-kind gifts globally. To learn more, visit [www.walmartfoundation.org](http://www.walmartfoundation.org).*

***About CAREERS for People With Disabilities, Inc.***

Since 1987, CAREERS has provided job placement and support services to people with disabilities in Westchester and Putnam Counties and made over 1,700 individual job placements and provided services to over 6,000 people. CAREERS' mission is to insure that all disabled individuals find sustained, meaningful employment in the communities in which they live. They work one-one-one with each client and employer to facilitate ongoing success in the workplace, and help those with disabilities reach their maximum level of self-support and self-reliance. All of CAREERS' services are provided free of charge to clients and employers.

For additional information about how CAREERS helps disabled individuals, or employers in need of qualified help, contact CAREERS' Valhalla office, which serves central and lower Westchester at 914-741-8500, or the Carmel office, which serves northern Westchester and Putnam Counties, at 845-225-8007. For more information, please visit [www.careersforpeoplewithdisabilities.org](http://www.careersforpeoplewithdisabilities.org).

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