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SINGLE PARENT SCHOLARSHIP OF BENTON COUNTY CORPORATE LUNCHEON

Bentonville, AR – March 11, 2015: Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Benton County (SPSF/BC) will be celebrating student successes with community partners at their annual Corporate Luncheon presented by Schreiber Foods. The Corporate Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas in Rogers, AR from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm.

Greg Foran, President & CEO of Walmart Stores U.S. will be the Featured Speaker at the event. Guest Speakers include, SPSF/BC Alumni, Felicia McCranie and SPSF/BC Board Chair, Judy Hammond.

SPSF/BC will be recognizing and appreciating over 100 community partners and have invited new corporate and community partners to join this year's event. Tickets are \$50 each and sponsorship opportunities are still available. Contact Andrea Milton at andrea@spsfbc.com for reservations or with questions. Tickets can also be purchased online by www.spsfbc.com/about/events.

As the largest affiliate in the Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund network, SPSF/BC focuses on the whole student and the needs of his/her family. We provide an empowering and nurturing growth environment that helps a single parent attend school, while addressing issues which, if not addressed, could undermine academic success or cause early withdrawal. We do this through a variety of support programs, including: **Professional and Personal Counseling** that helps students process life events and increase their self-confidence and sense of worth; **Academic and Career Guidance** that assists students in identifying and efficiently pursuing an appropriate course of study leading to employment; **Life Skills Workshops** that allow students to adjust to the college environment and develop their critical thinking, communication, research and time management skills; **Tutoring** for students who need a little extra academic help along the way; **Mentoring** to help students build the confidence they need to change their lives. We also connect our students to members of the Alumni Council, who have walked the path before them and completed their degrees.

For more information on how to support the Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Benton County and impact the lives of a single parent family visit www.spsfbc.com or contact us by email at spsfbc@spsfbc.com or by phone at 479/254-8550.

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Greg Foran

President and CEO of Walmart U.S.

Greg Foran is president and CEO of Walmart U.S. and is responsible for the strategic direction and performance of more than 4,000 Walmart stores and 1.3 million associates. Greg and his team are focused on fulfilling the company's mission of saving people money so they can live better by advocating for Walmart's customers, working to exceed their expectations and earning their trust every day.

Walmart U.S. serves more than 140 million customers each week and had revenues of \$279.4 billion in fiscal year 2014.

Greg is a 35-year retail veteran with extensive experience in marketing, operational and executive roles. He most recently served as president and CEO of Walmart Asia and was responsible for the company's operations in China, Japan and India, as well as business development throughout the continent. Previously, he served as president and CEO of Walmart China, and his team made significant progress with its assortment, pricing, store operations and compliance as Greg led strategic investments in the supply chain and improved the store portfolio. Greg joined Walmart International in 2011 as a senior vice president.

Prior to Walmart, Greg held a number of roles with Woolworths, the leading retailer in Australia and New Zealand. He served as the managing director of supermarkets, liquor and petrol with responsibility for more than \$40 billion in sales at that time. Under Greg's leadership, the business grew sales and market share in a strong competitive market. Earlier in his career, Greg served as general manager of Big W, Woolworths' industry leading discount store business and as general manager of Dick Smith Electronics.

Greg attended two advanced management programs at both Harvard University and the University of Virginia. Greg also has a diploma in management from the New Zealand Institute of Management in Auckland, New Zealand.