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Wal-Mart to open today; donates to community

The new Wal-Mart Supercenter in Stuart will celebrate its grand opening on Wednesday, April 19. The new store, designed as a convenient one-stop family shopping center, will hold its grand opening celebration at 7:30 a.m., when store officials will discuss the store's impact on the community in terms of 230 new jobs, everyday low prices and an initial \$18,250 donated to local charities upon its opening.

Doors to the new store will open to the public at 8 a.m. The store is located at 19265 Jeb Stuart Highway.

Store manager Stuart Jackson said more than 800 applications have been received to date for jobs at the new store, which will bring more than 230 new jobs to the market. The national average wage at Wal-Mart for full-time hourly associates is approximately \$10.11 per hour. Six of the Stuart store's associates have worked for Wal-Mart for more than 10 years, Jackson

added.

"Opening a Wal-Mart store in a town the size of Stuart makes an incredible impact on the local economy," said Jackson. "Wal-Mart provides good jobs with great benefits and career opportunities, and the community will benefit from Wal-Mart's everyday low prices and charitable giving."

Wal-Mart benefits—available to full- and part-time associates—include health care insurance with no lifetime maximum. Wal-Mart offers a choice of as many as 18 health plans that cost as little as \$11 a month in some areas. Both full and part-time Wal-Mart associates are eligible for health care benefits. 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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Wal-Mart manager Stuart Jackson, center, is shown with representatives of local organizations who received donations from Wal-Mart: Jerry Hughes, executive director of the Patrick County Education Foundation, which received \$5,000; Cynthia Williams, principal of Stuart Elementary School, which received \$1,500; E.G. Bradshaw, principal of Patrick County High School, which received \$1,625; and Clyde Crissman, director of the Patrick County Recreation Parks and Recreation Department, which received \$5,000. Not pictured is Patricia Crissman, a representative of the Caring Hearts Free Clinic, which also received \$5,000.

Wal-Mart

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As of March 2006, Wal-Mart employed 38,637 associates and owned and operated the following facilities in the state of Virginia:

61 Supercenters, 20 Discount Stores, 13 Sam's Clubs and three distribution centers.

In 2005, Wal-Mart collected on behalf of the state of Virginia more than \$271.8 million in sales taxes and paid more than \$33.3 million in state and local taxes.

According to Jackson, the new 99,700-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 15 full-service and six express check-out lanes.

Other store features include a one-hour photo lab, a pharmacy and beer and wine sales. In addition, the store will have a "Grab-It-And-Go" bar which will be located just inside the front doors of the new store, where customers can grab a doughnut, pastry, coffee or fountain drink and drop their money in an "honor-system" box.

Monday the store presented \$18,250 in donations through Wal-Mart's Good Works community involvement program to a number

of organizations. The store will 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 Monday were: Caring Hearts Free Clinic of Patrick County, Patrick County Educational Foundation, Patrick County High School, Patrick County Parks and Recreation Department and Stuart Elementary School.