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Fort Bend Seniors Receives Walmart Foundation Grant to Help Seniors in Fort Bend and Waller Counties

ROSENBERG, TX – May 21, 2017 – Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels (FBS) received a \$53,100 grant from the [Walmart Foundation's State Giving Program](#) to assist with the purchase of two new Cargo vans to replace existing vehicles that are in need of replacement due to mileage, excessive wear and tear, and high cost involved in attempting to keep them in running order. This grant positively impact the local community by bringing our fleet to 11 vehicles, enabling us to continue to serve our seniors without having to remove anyone from our program and/or creating a waiting list. Family members, friends and neighbors can rest assured that their loved one is being nourished and visited daily. Program participants and their families will not have to spend in excess of \$40,000 per year for nursing home care and can use those resources for other economic necessities.

“We are so grateful for the funding from Walmart that we are receiving.” “The services we provide the seniors of Fort Bend and Waller counties are critical and the need is rapidly increasing,” said Manuela Arroyos, chief executive officer. “Together, we can keep seniors living independently, healthier at home and feeling more connected to their community as they age.”

Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels provides more than 1,300 hot, nutritious, home-delivered meals to seniors who typically live alone and are unable to prepare their own meals. In addition, Fort Bend Seniors offers older adults congregate meals from eleven site locations, transportation to and from the center, health screenings, recreational activities, and other health-giving programs.

The Walmart Foundation's State Giving Program supports organizations that create opportunities so people can live better, awarding 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. Applicants must have a current 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status in order to meet the program's minimum eligibility criteria. Additional information about the program's funding guidelines and application process are available online at www.walmartfoundation.org/stategiving.

About Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels

Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels, a United Way Agency, is committed to helping seniors remain independent by enhancing their quality of life through services and resources. Fort Bend Seniors is qualified under 501C (3) of the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit corporation, as such contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent as allowed by law. For more information about Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels, visit www.fortbendseniors.org.

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grants totaling \$10 million to the Women in Factories training program in Bangladesh, China, India and Central America, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are not only working to tackle key social issues, we are also collaborating with others to inspire solutions for long-lasting systemic change. To learn more about Walmart's giving, visit <http://www.foundation.walmart.com>.