

## Wal-Mart Gives \$10,000 To H. E. L. P. Ministries, Inc.



### *Organization to use funds to help people in need*

**LARGO, FL** -- The Wal-Mart Foundation donated \$10,000 to Largo-based charity, H. E. L. P. Ministries, Inc., to secure a refrigerated truck, which will ensure safe pick-up and delivery of perishable and non-perishable foods to help those in need.

Here Everybody Loves People Ministries, Inc. (H. E. L. P.) is a non-profit, nearly 6 years old ministry operation associated with The Apostolic Church of Jesus at 1381 Oak Village Drive, Largo. H. E. L. P. Ministries helps the individuals that pass through the ministry door with a tri-fold approach: physical needs are addressed, emotional issues are discussed, and most critically for many, spiritual considerations are met.

H. E. L. P. Ministries is dedicated to providing the citizens of the Greater Tampa Bay area with free meals, confidential ministering, and professional job counseling services. The organization operates a food pantry, clothing closet and computer lab and supplies nutritional bags of food to approximately 400 to 450 individuals or families every Tuesday morning 10 a. m. – 1 p. m.

“This grant comes at such a crucial time for us,” said **James Cobb**, president of H. E. L. P. Ministries, Inc. “We are witnessing an ever-growing population base of 10 to 15 percent more clients weekly. This donation will enhance our programs for disabled, homeless, fixed-income veterans and elderly, ex-felons and low-income families to enjoy balanced meals for several days. A refrigerated truck will solidify our cause and lead to even greater community involvement.”

This grant is a donation from Wal-Mart’s State Giving Program (SGP), a new model of local giving for the retailer.

“At Wal-Mart, we know we can make the greatest impact on our communities by supporting causes that are important to our customers’ right in their own neighborhoods,” said **Cindi Marsiglio**, senior manager of public affairs for Wal-Mart. “We are proud to be giving these grants to local organizations that are truly making a difference in the community.”