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USO Northwest Receives \$60,000 Grant from Walmart

Seattle, Wash. (January 15, 2013) – USO Northwest has received a \$60,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation and its state giving program. The grant was awarded to help cover operational costs for the USO center at Sea-Tac Airport and the USO Mobile Canteen in 2013.

USO Northwest provides free morale, welfare and recreation services for more than 530,000 activeduty military, military families and veterans annually across Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska.

"This grant from Walmart will have a long lasting impact on service members and their families in the Northwest," says Donald Leingang, executive director of USO Northwest and CDR, USN (Ret.). "With this grant alone, our Mobile Canteen RV will be able to travel across Washington state providing morale support for an entire year."

USO Northwest's flagship center at Sea-Tac Airport is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week to serve the needs of local and traveling military service members and their families. Free amenities include: travel assistance, hot meals, snacks and assorted refreshments, TV lounge, XBOX 360 gaming stations, shower and toiletries, beds, restrooms, computers and Internet access, a family room and nursery complete with children's games, books and toys, and a library with stationery. The Sea-Tac center welcomes more than 10,000 military patrons a month and is located in the Main Terminal on the Mezzanine Level.

The USO Mobile Canteen is a 32-foot custom RV that delivers USO hospitality to military installations and events throughout the Northwest. Whether it's welcoming home an aircraft carrier, sending off a deploying Coast Guard ship, or cooking BBQ for troops training in the field, the USO Mobile Canteen is always there to support our military members and their families.

"We are pleased to support USO Northwest here in Washington state," said Madeleine Havener, Senior Director and Regional General Manager for Washington and Oregon at Walmart. "At Walmart, we are proud to provide opportunities that improve the lives of our nation's military men and women, and their families and veterans. As the nation's largest employer of the military, we feel it is our honor to do so and we are delighted to continue our support of organizations like USO Northwest."

In addition to the USO's Sea-Tac center and Mobile Canteen, USO Northwest operates the Shali center serving Joint Base Lewis-McChord, and a variety of programs and services connecting and supporting military families here at home and abroad. Over 95 percent of USO services and events are

accomplished through the efforts of the USO Army of Gratitude, a force of more than 300 dedicated volunteers donating over 40,000 volunteer hours per year.

About USO Northwest

The USO (United Service Organizations) lifts the spirits of America's troops and their families millions of times each year at hundreds of places worldwide. USO Northwest continues that tradition by serving more than 530,000 active-duty military and their families annually throughout Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington State. We provide a touch of home through our centers at Sea-Tac International Airport and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, our USO Mobile Canteen RV, and innovative programs and services. We also provide critical support to those who need us most, including military deploying overseas and arriving home, military families, wounded warriors and their families, and the families of the fallen.

USO Northwest is a private, nonprofit organization, not a government agency. We rely on the generosity of our volunteers and donors. In addition to individual donors and corporate sponsors, USO Northwest is also supported through the United Way and Combined Federal Campaign (CFC-15348). To join us in this patriotic mission, and to learn more about USO Northwest, please visit usonw.org.

About Philanthropy at Walmart

Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are proud to support initiatives that are helping people live better around the globe. In May 2010, Walmart and its Foundation made a historic pledge of \$2 billion through 2015 to fight hunger in the U.S. The Walmart Foundation also supports education, workforce development, environmental sustainability, and health and wellness initiatives. To learn more, visit www.walmartfoundation.org.

The Walmart Foundation's state giving program awards grants starting at \$25,000 to nonprofit organizations that serve a particular state or region. The spring 2013 grant program is now open and accepting applications through March 1, 2013. Additional information about the program's funding guidelines and application process are available online at www.walmartfoundation.org/stategiving.

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