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VERIZON WIRELESS AND WAL-MART JOIN FORCES TO RECYCLE OLD WIRELESS PHONES AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

HopeLine® Wireless Phone Donation Drives at 2,000 Wal-Mart Connection Centers Happening During October

BASKING RIDGE, N.J. and BENTONVILLE, Ark. – Wireless customers visiting their local Wal-Mart store this October can help victims of domestic violence and participate in Domestic Violence Awareness Month efforts by recycling their no-longer-used wireless phones. Verizon Wireless, a recognized corporate leader in domestic violence awareness, and Wal-Mart, the nation's largest retailer, have joined forces to sponsor HopeLine® phone donation drives at more than 2,000 Wal-Mart stores throughout the United States.

Beginning the first week in October and throughout the month, customers are invited to bring no-longer-used wireless phones and accessories in any condition from any wireless provider or any manufacturer to the Connection Center at local Wal-Mart stores and drop them into the phone drive boxes. The phones collected by HopeLine, Verizon Wireless' phone recycling program, will be refurbished and sold, with proceeds benefiting victims of domestic violence. At the conclusion of the phone drive, Verizon Wireless and Wal-Mart plan to make a joint donation to a national domestic violence agency.

“As customers visit Wal-Mart for their October shopping needs, whether it is Halloween costumes, fall decorations or to purchase a new wireless phone, we encourage them to bring their old wireless phones with them and help make a difference in the lives of domestic violence victims,” said Laura Phillips, Wal-Mart vice president/divisional merchandise manager – Entertainment/Wireless. “We are excited to extend our relationship with Verizon Wireless, a company with a longstanding commitment to the issue of domestic violence prevention, and to offer everyone a chance to make a difference during Domestic Violence Awareness Month,” Phillips said.

Verizon Wireless and Wal-Mart Join Forces to Recycle Old Wireless Phones and Make a Difference in the Lives of Domestic Violence Victims

Domestic violence affects both women and men at home and in the workplace. Funds from the phones donated at Wal-Mart will be used to conduct educational and awareness programs, provide grants to local shelters and advocacy groups and purchase wireless phones and service for victims of domestic violence, supplying them with comfort and security.

For a list of Wal-Mart Connection Centers, please visit www.walmart.com. Wireless customers can also donate their used wireless phones year-round at any of Verizon Wireless' Communications Stores from coast-to-coast. For more information about Verizon Wireless and the HopeLine program, visit www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline.

About Verizon Wireless

Verizon Wireless owns and operates the nation's most reliable wireless network, serving 54.8 million voice and data customers. Headquartered in Basking Ridge, N.J., Verizon Wireless is a joint venture of Verizon Communications (NYSE:VZ) and Vodafone (NYSE and LSE: VOD). Find more information on the Web at www.verizonwireless.com. To preview and request broadcast-quality video footage and high-resolution stills of Verizon Wireless operations, log on to the Verizon Wireless Multimedia Library at www.verizonwireless.com/multimedia.

About Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (NYSE: WMT) operates Wal-Mart Stores, Supercenters, Neighborhood Markets and SAM'S CLUB locations in the United States. The company also operates in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Japan, Mexico, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, South Korea and the United Kingdom. The company's securities are listed on the New York and NYSE Arca stock exchanges under the symbol WMT. More information about Wal-Mart can be found by visiting www.walmartfacts.com.