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NEWS RELEASE

Walmart Community Grants Awards Grant to Central Indiana K9 Association

Plainfield, Indiana – Central Indiana K9 Association Inc. (CIK9) was founded to enhance the training and care of Indiana’s active and retired K9 officers/Working Dogs and their handlers with a multi-jurisdictional plan. We elevate the public awareness of the service these brave dogs provide. Our goals are to:

- Operate *The Shadow Fund*, a medical grant program to provide financial grants for the benefit of retired K9s who have served the citizens of Indiana.
- Collaborate with multi-jurisdictional organizations to elevate training opportunities for Central Indiana active K9s in service to our citizens by building a permanent training site.
- Build a Working Dog Monument to honor all working dogs in Indiana.

CIK9 would like to thank the Walmart Community Grants Team for the financial award of \$5,000. The Walmart Community Grants Team and Facility #6955 worked together to approve the ICK9 Grant application for Request ID #63282133. The Walmart team said, “We are thrilled to support your work in our communities and share your desire to provide local impact. Mrs. Helen Walton used to say, "It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived."

This grant was provided to help CIK9 host a low-cost training to the 190 K9 teams across Central Indiana. It will also help provide a scholarship to attend and K9 first aid kits to the teams. The Central Indiana K9 Association is a volunteer-driven, nonprofit organization founded in 2019. Its programs – funded by public donations, events and grants – serve a three-fold mission: To assist, train, and honor K9 working dogs, who serve faithfully, vigilantly, and selflessly within Central Indiana.

“The Central Indiana K9 Association feels very blessed to receive a \$5000 grant from our Plainfield Wal-Mart eCommerce center. The support of Wal-Mart will ensure our Central Indiana K9s and trainers will receive needed continuing education. We are proud to partner(?) with Wal-Mart to achieve this much needed goal.” Kathy Spangler, Fundraising Director for ICK9