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Local Walmart Rolls Up Its Sleeves for Local Charity

WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia – In the spirit of the holiday season, members of James City County-based Walmart Distribution Center 6088 gathered on Dec. 23, 2019, to lend a helping hand at [Dream Catchers at the Cori Sikich Therapeutic Riding Center](#).

The day of giving is the latest in Walmart’s commitment to the nonprofit. This past summer, the massive international retailer signed on as a sponsor of Dream Catchers’ therapy horse, Melody. The sponsorship came through a grant awarded by the retail giant. [Walmart Distribution Center 6088](#) nominated Dream Catchers for a Walmart Community Grant as part of a long history of the major retailer’s commitments to giving back to the communities where they operate.

As Helen Walton, widow of Walmart Founder Sam Walton, said, “It’s not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived.”

Walmart’s [sponsorship gift](#) underwrites the feed, hay, supplements, some tack, daily care, farrier fees and veterinarian wellness plan for one of Dream Catchers’ most charismatic horses. Its logo is featured on Melody’s saddle pad and halter. She dons her logoed gear while participating in equine-assisted activities with the nonprofit’s participants as well as when she travels offsite for demonstrations and media appearances.

Dream Catchers is a non-profit organization that provides 80 to 100 life-changing therapeutic riding lessons and other equine-assisted activities each week to children and adults with special needs. Program participants are from throughout Hampton Roads and Richmond and have one or more of 150 conditions including autism, cerebral palsy, stroke, trauma and developmental delays.

“On behalf of Dream Catchers, we are absolutely amazed and grateful to have Walmart Distribution Center 6088 select us as a beneficiary of their deep support of our Greater Williamsburg community,” shares Janet Mayberry, executive director of Dream Catchers. “In addition to the grant Walmart awarded us, we are so appreciative of the hands-on volunteer work they do here so Dream Catchers can continue to support our children and adults in-need of equine-assisted services that create life-changing results.”

To learn more, visit DreamCatchers.org or call (757) 566-1775.

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Caption

Walmart DC 6088 Volunteers at Dream Catchers - Dec 23 2019 Brody Gouger; Lyndon Race; Therapy Horse Melody; Sam Bannock, Dream Catchers Barn Manager/Instructor; Spencer Allen, with Haley Ward, Dream Catchers Assistant Volunteer Coordinator/Instructor (front)

Walmart DC 6088 Sponsorship for Melody Stanley Wood, General Manager of Walmart DC 6088 and Bobby Norris and Billy Foreback, Assistant General Managers of Walmart DC 6088 stand with Barbara Schuler, Office Manager of Dream Catchers and therapy horse Melody

About Dream Catchers at the Cori Sikich Therapeutic Riding Center

Dream Catchers at the Cori Sikich Therapeutic Riding Center is a Premier Accredited Therapeutic Riding Center through the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.). The nonprofit organization serves an average of 80 to 100 participants each week to help children and adults with special needs reach their potential and make dreams come true. Located in Toano, Virginia, Dream Catchers serves the communities from Richmond through Hampton Roads.

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