

Press Release

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CGR Partners with Walmart Foundation on Study of Food Insecurity

Project to focus on access, gaps in service and system improvements in Northwest Arkansas

Rochester, N.Y., June 5, 2018 — CGR is pleased to announce it has received a grant from the Walmart Foundation to study the state of food insecurity in Washington and Benton Counties, Arkansas. Food insecurity can have a wide impact on individuals, including health complications and impeding learning. CGR will partner with the Center for Collaborative Care in Springdale, AR on this project to better understand the state of food insecurity in Northwest Arkansas, how residents access the delivery of food services, where there are gaps in service, and how the system can be improved.

The study will include an analysis of existing demographic and food insecurity data, an inventory and survey of charitable not-for-profit food providers, and a series of focus groups with service providers and local residents. It will culminate with an interactive map of the food services system and a final report with findings and high-level recommendations that can inform local collaboration and investment strategies.

“Food insecurity is an issue in communities throughout the country, and often not well understood. We’re very excited to work with the Center for Collaborative Care and the Walmart Foundation to assess the state of food insecurity in Northwest Arkansas and how future local collaboration might better address this critical problem,” said CGR senior associate, Alice Carle.

“Relieving hunger is one of our top priorities, and we are eager to learn more about the local food system that we support and how it may be improved,” said Erin Hogue of the Walmart Foundation. “This project with CGR will bring together data, mapping and stakeholder engagement to help us develop innovative collaborations to meet long term food security needs in our community.”

About CGR

Founded in 1915, CGR is an independent, nonprofit management consulting organization delivering expertise in government and education, economics and public finance, health and human services, and nonprofits and communities. Our mission is to improve the quality of communities through impactful research, analysis,

consultation and data management for the public, nonprofit and philanthropic organizations that serve them. To learn more, visit www.cgr.org.

About the Center for Collaborative Care

Established in 2016, the Center for Collaborative Care, facilitate a more effective and efficient model of community collaboration and coordination in the health and human services sector through provider collaborations, community liaisons and a universal technology platform.

About Philanthropy at Walmart

By using our strengths to help others, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation create opportunities for people to live better every day. Walmart has stores in 28 countries, employing more than 2.3 million associates and doing business with thousands of suppliers who, in turn, employ millions of people. Our philanthropy helps people live better by supporting upward job mobility and economic development for the retail workforce; addressing hunger and making healthier, more sustainably-grown food a reality; and building strong communities where Walmart operates and inspiring our associates to give back. Whether it is helping to lead the fight against hunger in the United States with \$2 billion in cash and in-kind donations or supporting Women's Economic Empowerment through a series of grants totaling \$10 million to the Women in Factories training program in Bangladesh, China, India and Central America, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are not only working to tackle key social issues, we are also collaborating with others to inspire solutions for long-lasting systemic change. To learn more about Walmart's giving, visit <http://www.foundation.walmart.com>.