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COUNCIL ON AGING RECEIVES COMMUNITY GRANT FROM SAM'S CLUB

[Hendersonville, NC] – **August 12, 2021** – The Council on Aging for Henderson County received a \$1,500 grant from the Walmart Community Grant Program. The funds will be used to install new rubber flooring at the Sammy Williams Center where the Council on Aging hosts congregate meals and exercise classes for aging adults in Henderson County. The grant was recommended for funding by the local Sam's Club in Hendersonville.

“Exercise is as important as basic nutrition to the aging community of Henderson County, and this grant will help ensure that the Sammy Williams Center has a safe space for our clients to participate in various exercise programs,” said Keith Logan, executive director of the Council on Aging. “The installation of a new rubber floor over the existing tile floor will prevent slipping and provide a softer experience for our low-impact exercise and stretching classes,” he added. “The community grant program is highly competitive—receiving more than 150,000 applications each year—and we’re both proud and grateful to the Walmart Community Grant Program,” Logan stated.

“We are pleased to be able to help the Council on Aging with this project. We value what the organization does for seniors in this community, and we wanted to support their efforts,” commented Jason Gribben, Store Manager for Sam's Club (Store #4950 at 300 Highlands Square Drive in Hendersonville).

The Council on Aging is a nonprofit organization established in 1969 to provide and coordinate services to engage, connect, and support adults in our community as we age. It currently serves meals to 400+ homebound clients each week in all parts of Henderson County. In addition, they host congregate meals at the Sammy Williams Center, provide liquid nutrition to seniors who cannot get sufficient nutrition from solid food (many of whom are getting cancer treatment), and counsel aging adults and their families on helpful resources to navigate the aging process. COAHC's vision is, “No One Ages Alone.” For more information on the Council on Aging, including how you can volunteer or contribute, visit coahc.org.

Walmart seeks to create value in the communities around the world where they operate, strengthening them through local grants supporting programs that help them thrive. Its 2 million associates are residents, neighbors, friends, and family in thousands of communities around the globe. Walmart works to strengthen these communities through both its retail business and community giving.