

### **The Safeway Foundation Awards More than \$357,000 in Cancer Campaign Grants, Supporting Cancer Research, Testing and Treatment Programs**

Lanham, MD — September 18, 2017 —The Safeway Foundation today announced the distribution of more than \$357,000 in grant donations issued to 11 local and regional organizations actively engaged in cancer research and treatment.

Throughout the month of May, The Safeway Foundation and Safeway stores in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and Florida conducted a fundraising campaign, collecting customer donations at checkout. Thanks to Safeway customers' charitable giving, The Safeway Foundation is now awarding grants to programs that provide cancer research, testing and treatment.

"We are proud to support organizations that provide crucial research in both the prevention and treatment of cancer," said Dan Valenzuela, Eastern Division President. "As a company with a long tradition of funding causes that impact our communities, Safeway and The Safeway Foundation are committed to contributing to the success of these worthy organizations. With the generosity of our customers' charitable contributions, we are able to provide grants to even more organizations this year."

Organizations and programs that will receive Safeway Foundation grants are:

- American Cancer Society
- American Institute for Cancer Research
- American Lung Association of D.C.
- Arlington Free Clinic
- Children's Research Institute
- Christ House
- National Foundation for Cancer Research
- Smith Farm for Healing and the Arts
- Teen Cancer America
- The Children's Cancer Foundation Inc.
- George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates Mammovan

Washington, D.C. has one of the highest cancer rates in the country (130.3 per 100,000 cases), and the highest death rate from both breast cancer and liver cancer. Currently about 20,000 D.C. residents are living with cancer, with nearly 3,000 newly diagnosed cases each year.

The Safeway Foundation, with the support of its customers, contributes to financing medical research and treatment programs that improve the lives of its neighbors, particularly those who have little or no access to care. Cancer research is one of the Foundation's primary health-related causes, with the additional focus on funding organizations that increase participation in trials, access to preventative testing and access to alternative medicine.

The annual cancer research and treatment campaign is just one of the many vital philanthropic campaigns The Safeway Foundation and Safeway stores undertake each year. In 2016 alone, with the generous support of Safeway's customers, The Safeway Foundation and Safeway stores helped contribute more than \$1 million in food and financial contributions to the many communities they serve, improving the lives of millions of people in the areas of hunger relief, education, cancer research and treatment, people living with disabilities and veterans outreach.

**MEDIA NOTE: high-res check presentation images can be found here:** <https://app.box.com/folder/37547593925>

### **About the Albertsons Companies Foundation**

Founded in 2001, the Albertsons Companies Foundation, formerly The Safeway Foundation, supports causes that impact our customers' lives. Albertsons Companies stores provide the opportunity to mobilize funding and create awareness in our neighborhoods through the generous contributions by our customers, our employees' passion and partnerships with our vendors. We focus on giving locally in the areas of health and human services, hunger relief, education and helping people with disabilities. Albertsons Companies and the Albertsons Companies Foundation have invested \$2 billion in our neighborhoods since 2001. For more information about the Albertsons Companies Foundation, visit [www.albertsons.com](http://www.albertsons.com).

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