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WALMART MDC CONTRIBUTES TO YES CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

POTTSVILLE, Pa.—Walmart MDC, Pottsville, recently made a \$1,000 contribution to the YES Certificate Program.

YES is administered by the Northeast Pennsylvania Manufacturers and Employers Council, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

“Walmart decided to make a contribution to the YES Program because it is very important to educate our youth about jobs and expectations for the real world,” said Amber Goodman, HR Manager at Walmart MDC. “This program also teaches students how to get and keep a job, and most importantly, the types of jobs and careers available right here in Schuylkill County.”

“Our Council appreciates Walmart’s contribution to the YES Program,” said Darlene J. Robbins, Council president. “Walmart has hosted many of our YES classes since the program’s inception in 2006 here in Schuylkill County, and we look forward to continuing our relationship with them as we expand our workforce development initiatives.”

YES is a 120-hour, 1-credit, year-round elective course that addresses the shortfall of basic skills that employers say are lacking in many job applicants. The course addresses 36 modules in 6 subject areas—Communication, Teamwork, Health and Safety, Personal Development, Technology, and Quality. YES originated in York County in 1996, with Erie and Schuylkill counties implementing the program in 2006. YES is currently offered by 7 districts in Northeast Pennsylvania—Blue Mountain, Crestwood, Mahanoy Area, Minersville Area, Pine Grove Area, Pottsville Area, and Schuylkill Haven Area.

For more information on the YES Program or the Council’s other workforce development initiatives, please contact Courtney Whitecavage

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