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SMITH'S COMMUNITY DONATIONS TOP \$14 MILLION

(SALT LAKE CITY, UT - March 27, 2017) - Smith's Food & Drug Stores has released its 2016 Report to the Community highlighting community donations totaling \$14.4 million in cash and products to more than 4,000 non-profit organizations throughout its seven western states of operation which include Utah, Nevada, New Mexico, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Arizona.

Smith's combined charitable giving averaged \$103,000 per store location or \$780 per associate. The support includes contributions from the Smith's corporate budget, the Kroger Foundation, suppliers, associates and customers through in-store fundraising promotions.

Smith's assistance in 2016 was primarily focused in the following areas: fighting hunger, supporting local grassroots organizations, promoting women's health, and supporting the country's active military, veterans and their families.

The 2016 Smith's Report to the Community can be accessed online at www.smithscommunity.com. The report summarizes the company's social philanthropy and lists specific organizations by state that were supported last year.

"Our associates help us to reach out in meaningful ways within the community," said Marsha Gilford, Smith's vice president public affairs. "We recognize that the good Smith's does in our communities is because of our inspiring associates, our generous customers and our loyal vendor partners."

Smith's is a division of the Kroger Co. (NYSE:KR), one of the nation's largest retail grocers. From its headquarters in Salt Lake City, Smith's manages 140 stores throughout Utah (53), Nevada (44), New Mexico (24), Wyoming (7), Montana (4), northern Arizona (4) and southern Idaho (4). For more information visit www.smithsfoodanddrug.com.

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