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**Walmart honored as Employer of the Year**

**Huntington, W.Va. (October 30, 2013)** – Walmart, located in Kimball, W.Va., received recognition as the Huntington District Employer of the Year from the West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS).

"The partnerships with businesses that are jointly developed and nurtured serve as the foundation for our ultimate success," said Division of Rehabilitation Services Director Donna Ashworth. "The employers recognized are progressive in their attitudes and they empower people with disabilities by providing them with job opportunities."

Walmart and DRS have a strong employment partnership. This store is committed to providing job opportunities to DRS clients. Walmart's human resources manager provides employment opportunities to people with disabilities whenever possible.

Distinguished Employer awards were presented to other businesses in the district:

- Mingo County Board of Education, Williamson
- Pullman Plaza Hotel, Huntington

DRS, a division of the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts, is the state agency responsible for the federal vocational rehabilitation program in West Virginia. DRS assists people whose physical or mental condition is interfering with their ability to get or keep a job.

Employers play a critical role in the success of those participating in the vocational rehabilitation program.

DRS offers individualized service to assist employers in retaining valued employees or in hiring qualified employees. DRS can provide consultation related to disability, as well as information about assistive technology, disability resources, potential tax credits, workplace accommodations and other benefits to employers.

The Huntington District consists of Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln, Mingo, Logan, Wyoming and McDowell counties.

*Enabling and empowering individuals with disabilities to work and to live independently*

For more information about DRS and its programs, call 1-800-642-8207 or visit the division's website at [wvdrs.org](http://wvdrs.org). In the Huntington District, call (304) 528-5585.