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TRANSITIONS' AWARDED 15K FROM WALMART'S 12 DAYS OF GIVING CAMPAIGN

Nomination by Program Participant—Says Transitions Is Life-Changing.

SPOKANE, WASH—Transitions, a local nonprofit working to end poverty and homelessness for women and children in Spokane, receives \$15 thousand from *Walmart's 12 Days of Giving Campaign* because of a touching nomination by a Transitions' New Leaf Bakery Café program participant, Crystal. Transitions was one of 140 recipients chosen from 21,000 nominations for Walmart's \$1.5 million in grants this holiday season.

Crystal explained in her nomination that Transitions is life-changing. "Transitions runs multiple free job training and readiness programs to women in need... [and] live-in programs to [help women] get back on track after a life crisis such as abuse, homelessness, addiction or anything else keeping women, with or without children, from not only being self-sufficient but thriving and becoming productive members of society."

Crystal is now on her way to California to be with family and also pursue her culinary dreams. Jamie Borgan, New Leaf's program director said that Crystal is smart, creative and grew a lot in the program. "One of my favorite memories of Crystal is when she first created her own scone variety," said Borgan. "They were peach, white chocolate chip. We took them to the Perry Street Farmer's market and sold out in about three seconds."

Transitions will use this award to further develop their vocational programs. From August-October alone, Transitions helped 27 women attain employment. This grant will allow even more low-income and homeless women access to highly trained professionals, job searching materials, vocational classes and more.

Since 1995, Transitions has been helping women, children, and families rebuild their lives affected by abuse, addiction, mental illness, poverty, and homelessness. Transitions operates five programs: Women's Hearth, Miryam's House, Transitional Living Center, EduCare and New Leaf Bakery Cafe. For more information about how you can work to end poverty and homelessness for women and children in Spokane, call 509-328-6702, email award@help4women.org, or visit our website at help4women.org.

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pounds of food to those in need across the country. To learn more about Walmart's giving, visit foundation.walmart.com.

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