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## Artists for a Cause receives \$2,000 grant to fight hunger



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Anna Preston, Dance for Food producer, stands next to Walmart store manager Greg Chilson as he presents Artists for a Cause Executive Director Terry Barber and A4AC performer Jen Jacoby with a check for \$2,000. The money awarded to Artists for a Cause will be used to host the nonprofit's annual Dance for Food event. In past years, Dance for Food has raised more than 6,000 meals for families in Martin, St. Lucie and Palm Beach counties with one performance. This year, Artists for a Cause hopes to exceed that number and raise 20,000 meals with three performances to help those who struggle with hunger on a daily basis. For complete story, see page 9.

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# Grant to fund Dance for Food event

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**STUART** — As a nonprofit organization that relies heavily on grants and donations, Artists for a Cause is elated to have been awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation and local store Walmart #1087.

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Dance for Food consists of three contemporary dance

performances, which include dancers and dance companies that are registered with Artists for a Cause, including Preston Contemporary Dance Theatre, Anna Nunes and Jesse Hammel of Downtown Dance.

Rather than charging an admittance fee for the event, attendees are instead asked to donate nonperishable foods.

All food collected through the performances will be distributed to local nonprofit organizations that focus on hunger relief on the Treasure Coast and Palm Beaches.

Charity partners benefiting from the event include: the Treasure Coast Food Bank, House of Hope, CROS Ministries and The Farmworker Coordinating Council.

Artists for a Cause believes in the power of art to serve as a catalyst

for positive change. Using visual and performing arts the organization has greater impact and results in tackling some of the most basic needs affecting people in the community including hunger, homelessness and health issues.

Director of Operations for Artists for a Cause, Bonnie Tadross, is delighted that the organization has been awarded the \$2,000 grant from Walmart. "This grant from Walmart not only allows us to enhance this already amazing event, but will also help us to further our mission of improving communities through artistic endeavors."

Artist for a Cause programs such as Dance for Food rely on support from private donations, sponsors and the organization's own fundraising events.

The presenting sponsor for the event is Mr. Chain, the inventor of plastic chain and manufacturer of crowd control and lawn and garden products, and in this case an essential part of the food chain.

Additionally, Artists for a Cause recently launched the Party Like a Rockstar! series, a fundraising party with live music showcasing the organization's most exceptional talent. The event took place on Saturday, July 14, at the StarStruck Theatre and included music by McCartney Mania, a Beatles cover band, and performances by A4AC's artists singing their favorite Beatles numbers.

For more information about events hosted by A4AC, contact Bonnie Tadross at 772-419-8778 or by email at [bonnie@a4ac.org](mailto:bonnie@a4ac.org).