

Press Release

WAL-MART HOSTS NATIONAL INFANT AND CHILD SAFETY EDUCATION EVENT

- Free Child ID Kits Available at Stores on September 9 -

BENTONVILLE, Ark., August 25, 2006— Caring for infants and toddlers is an enormous role taken on by parents and guardians. Children encounter potentially dangerous situations everyday. Recognizing the need for child safety education, Wal-Mart and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) have partnered with Abbott's Ross Products Division to host the "All Things Baby" event on Saturday, September 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Wal-Mart stores nationwide. Parents and guardians who stop by the event will receive a free child ID kit and NCMEC's safety tips on how to keep their children safer while at home or away.

The free child ID kit includes safety information for parents and guardians and a placeholder for an updated child photo. During "All Things Baby" parents and guardians can also pick up a resource book with baby wellness information from event partners such as Similac® Advance®, Similac® Organic, new PediaSure® NutriPals™ and others.

"We are excited about the opportunity to partner with Wal-Mart and Ross Products to help educate parents and guardians about child safety and wellness," said Ernie Allen, president and CEO of NCMEC. "Being prepared and discussing prevention tips with young children are the keys to keeping kids safer."

"Last year's event resulted in the distribution of more than one million child ID kits to parents and guardians across the United States," said James Gilmer, Wal-Mart marketing director, infants/toddlers. "Wal-Mart encourages families who came to last year's event to return to stores this year. Children grow rapidly and it is important to keep an updated photo of your child," said James Gilmer, Wal-Mart Marketing Director of Infants/Toddlers.

This year, Wal-Mart stores and Kodak will offer free photos from the Photo Center for child ID kits.

"We take pride in partnering with parents every day to help infants and toddlers thrive," said Gary E. McCullough, President, Ross Products Division, Abbott. "We welcome this opportunity to provide helpful education about safety and wellness for young children and to give parents greater peace of mind through our support for the 'All Things Baby' event."

Wal-Mart encourages parents and guardians to take advantage of the one-day in-store event to receive helpful child safety information, a free child ID kit, child wellness information and free product samples. This year sponsors of "All Things Baby" include Abbott, whose brands include Similac Advance, Similac Organic and PediaSure NutriPals. Other vendor partners include Johnson & Johnson with Soothing Naturals Lotion, Head-to-Toe Baby Wash and Moisture Care Baby Wash; Clorox Anywhere Hard Surface Daily Sanitizing Spray; Gerber with Grins & Giggles Lotion, Gerber Graduates Organic Apple Strawberry Minis and Triaminic Thin Strips; and Parent's Choice Organic Baby Formula, Wipes and Diapers. Kimberly-Clark, White Cloud and Kodak are also participating. To learn more about the "All Things Baby" event visit www.walmart.com in the In Stores Now section. For further safety information, visit NCMEC at www.missingkids.com or call 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678).

About Wal-Mart

Wal-Mart has been a partner with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children since 1996, upon the introduction of Code Adam, a safety alert and associate training program in all

Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUB stores. Today, Code Adam is used in more than 45,000 locations nationwide. Wal-Mart also assists the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children through its Missing Children Poster Boards, located at the front entrance of its stores, and through Road Watch, a missing child alert system used by all Wal-Mart trucks across the country. The programs are a part of the Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUB Foundation (www.walmartfoundation.org).

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About the National Center For Missing & Exploited Children

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, that works in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. NCMEC's congressionally mandated CyberTipline, a reporting mechanism for child sexual exploitation, has handled more than 387,800 leads. Since its establishment in 1984, NCMEC has assisted law enforcement with more than 119,800 missing child cases, resulting in the recovery of more than 102,200 children. For more information about NCMEC, call its toll-free, 24 hour hotline at 1-800-THE-LOST or visit its web site at www.missingkids.com.

About Abbott

Abbott's Ross Products Division is a longtime leader in the U.S. nutritional marketplace, well known for its leading Similac® Advance® and Isomil® Advance® infant formulas, Pedialyte® and PediaSure® Brands, as well as its entire line of other pediatric nutritional products. Abbott pioneered the market for adult nutritionals more than three decades ago, and today, the Healthy Living family of nutrition brands includes Ensure®, Glucerna®, ZonePerfect® and EAS®. For more information about Abbott's Ross Products Division, visit www.Ross.com.

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