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## WALMART CONTRIBUTES \$500 TO BEACH SAFETY EFFORTS

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX, October 25, 2021 – Walmart has gifted \$500 to the Je'Sani Smith Foundation to promote beach safety and rip current awareness at Coastal Bend beaches. This donation will be used to distribute life-saving information along area beaches.

Drownings due to rip currents are far too common. Rip currents are a daily occurrence at area beaches, especially near structures like piers and jetties. Educating beachgoers on the dangers present on area beaches is critical to preventing further loss of life within our community.

Making good beach safety decisions are only achieved through relentless and consistent visual and verbal beach safety education and awareness programs and initiatives. Improving unwanted fatalities and injuries at our beaches is accomplished when there is a full understanding of the beach safety flag system and the dangers of rip currents and swimming near piers, jetties and other structures.

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The Je'Sani Smith Foundation is named for Je'Sani Smith, a high school senior swept away by a rip current at a Nueces County beach. The Je'Sani Smith Foundation works to provide beach safety and rip current education to make sure that no family experiences a similar loss. For more information or to donate to the Foundation, visit [www.jesanismithfoundation.org](http://www.jesanismithfoundation.org).

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