The Hope for B.E.S.T. is proud to receive a $1,000.00 BJ's Charitable Foundation grant to support mental health awareness resources, tools, and programs for the students in our local community. This funding will make a positive difference for the families we serve. #BJsWholesaleClub



The Hope for B.E.S.T. Receives $1,000.00 Grant from BJ's Charitable Foundation to Support Families

Funds will provide mental health awareness resources, tools, and programs for the students in our local community

Avon, Ohio, October 30, 2026 – The Hope for B.E.S.T. (Be the End to Silent Thoughts), a local non-profit organization, was selected to receive a $1,000.00 grant by BJ's Wholesale Club Inc. (NYSE: BJ) as part of the company's team member giving campaign.

Funding through BJ's Charitable Foundation will support the mental health awareness resources, tools, and programs that The Hope for B.E.S.T. has been funding for the students in our local community. After losing her triplet brother to death by suicide, Lori Best Yeager created the non-profit and over the past five years has raised over $75,000. "Now more than ever, there is a growing epidemic of mental health issues among our youth, and they need our help", says Lori. Funding has successfully provided some of the following resources and programs; Parent Separation Anxiety Information Night, Calming Corner Toolkits for every classroom, Mental Health Toolkits for Educational Aides, Professional Development Day

(Disability Simulation) for all staff to participate, Safe Space/Sensory Room for middle school students, Speaker (s) on resilience, grit and overcoming adversity.

BJ's Wholesale Club announced grants to 136 community organizations in 19 states and Washington, D.C., that were nominated by its team members. Recipients were chosen for their local impact in areas of hunger relief, education and health and wellness.

"BJ's is driven by a powerful purpose: we take care of the families who depend on us," said Kirk Saville, Head of Corporate Communications, BJ's Wholesale Club. "We are honored to champion the causes our team members care about most and support families in the communities where we live and work."

Since its inception, the BJ's Charitable Foundation has awarded over $45 million to non-profit organizations and schools, providing vital support for families in BJ's communities.

About BJ's Wholesale Club Holdings
BJ's Wholesale Club Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: BJ) is a leading operator of membership warehouse clubs focused on delivering significant value to its members and serving a shared purpose: "We take care of the families who depend on us." The company provides a wide assortment of fresh foods, produce, a full-service deli, fresh bakery, household essentials, various exclusive offerings, gas and more to deliver unbeatable value to smart-saving families. Headquartered in Marlborough, Massachusetts, the company pioneered the warehouse club model in New England in 1984 and currently operates 269 clubs and 211 BJ's Gas® locations in 22 states. For more information, please visit us at BJs.com or on Facebook, or Instagram.

About BJ's Charitable Foundation

Established in 2004 by BJ's Wholesale Club, the BJ's Charitable Foundation provides essential needs to families in the local communities BJ's members and team members live and work. Through local and national non-profit partnerships, the Foundation focuses its giving efforts on three main pillars: hunger relief, education and health and wellness.

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