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United Supermarkets Gives \$5,000 to Junior Achievement as Result of Partnership with Abilene Christian University

(ABILENE, Texas) –[United Supermarkets](#) on Tuesday presented [Junior Achievement of Abilene](#) a check for \$5,000 as a result of its partnership with Abilene Christian University athletics. The dollar amount was raised through this past season's performances in men's and women's basketball, baseball and softball, with United donating \$5 for every 3-pointer and strikeout.

United also agreed to donate an additional \$25 per Wildcat touchdown to Junior Achievement during ACU's 2013 football season.

"It's a win-win situation any time we can engage in a meaningful program that benefits the youth of Abilene," said ACU Director of Athletics Jared Mosley. "United shares our vision of making a positive impact in the lives of others, and I'm incredibly thankful the difference that they and Junior Achievement are making in our community."

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating students about workforce readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs. The organization's Abilene branch served approximately 4,500 students this past school year through seven school districts, including Abilene, Wylie, Jim Ned, Eula, Clyde, Brownwood and San Angelo.

"Our mission is to empower young people to own their economic success," said Shaun Martin, executive director of Junior Achievement of Abilene, "and United has been one of our biggest corporate sponsors. Their managers sit on our board and assist in fundraising efforts and their employees volunteer for us in the classroom. Depending on grade level, our volunteers spend an hour a day with their students over the course of five to seven weeks."

United selected Junior Achievement of Abilene as its charity of choice after receiving feedback from its four local stores.

"We polled our four store managers in Abilene, asking them who was best suited to receive our support, and they quickly decided on Junior Achievement of Abilene," said Eddie Owens, director of communications and public relations for United Supermarkets, LLC. "I'm extremely grateful for their insight."

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Owens added, “I’m also grateful to John Houser (ACU’s Assistant Director of Athletics for Operations) for bringing this to the table. It was his idea to put this partnership together for the benefit of the Abilene community.”

About United Supermarkets

Now in its 97th year of operation, United Supermarkets, LLC, is a Texas-based, family-owned grocery chain with stores in 30 markets across north and west Texas. A self-distributing company with its headquarters in Lubbock and distribution centers in Lubbock and Roanoke, United currently operates 52 stores under four distinct formats: [United Supermarkets](#), [Market Street](#), [Amigos](#) and United Express.

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United Supermarkets presented a check for \$5,000 to Junior Achievement of Abilene on Tuesday as the result of its partnership this year with Abilene Christian University athletics. Pictured are (left to right) Shaun Martin, executive director of Junior Achievement of Abilene; ACU athletics staff members Julie Goodenough (women’s basketball), Joe Golding (men’s basketball), Jared Mosley (director of athletics), ACU head softball coach Bobby Reeves (softball), and Britt Bonneau (baseball); and Eddie Owens, United Supermarkets director of communications and public relations.

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