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### Walton Family Foundation to Present at RuralRISE 2019 Summit

**Washington, DC (August 7, 2019)** – The Rural Community Assistance Partnership, Inc. (RCAP) and the organizing partners of RuralRISE are excited to announce that the Walton Family Foundation will be presenting at the 2019 RuralRISE Summit. This summit will focus on how rural leaders can address both the challenges and opportunities facing rural entrepreneurs throughout the United States.

The Walton Family Foundation is “a family-led foundation that tackles tough social and environmental problems with urgency and a long-term approach to create access to opportunity for people and communities.” Based in Bentonville, Arkansas, the Walton Family Foundation has done recent research about the importance of young firms in economic ecosystems. Their presentation at RuralRISE will focus on entrepreneurship and the entrepreneurial support mechanisms that are critical to so many local economies across the country.

“We are thrilled to welcome the Walton Family Foundation to RuralRISE 2019,” said Nathan Ohle, Executive Director of RCAP. “RuralRISE creates opportunities to bring together leaders from across the country helping to build entrepreneurial ecosystems, and having partners like the Walton Family Foundation participate provides access to organizations doing some of the best work across the country to the top leaders across rural America.”

The second annual RuralRISE Summit will take place in Pine Bluff, Arkansas on September 17 - 19 at the Pine Bluff Convention Center. Last year, more than 170 community leaders and rural entrepreneurs gathered in Davis, West Virginia to discuss how to spur more entrepreneurial activities in rural communities. RuralRISE gives rural community members from across the country a priceless opportunity to gather, discuss, and discover unique solutions to the obstacles small businesses and towns face every day, and to celebrate the innovation happening in small communities every day.

RCAP is a national non-profit network providing opportunity, assistance, and practical guidance to small communities in all fifty states, U.S. territories, and tribal lands to ensure access to safe drinking water, sanitary wastewater disposal, and economic prosperity for all rural America. To learn more about RCAP, visit [www.rcap.org](http://www.rcap.org). RCAP is one of the many proud RuralRISE partners, to learn more about RuralRISE or to register for the 2019 summit, visit [www.ruralrise.org](http://www.ruralrise.org).

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