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## Eckrich® and Albertsons Team Up to Support Local Schools

BILLINGS, Mont., May 07, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Eckrich®](#), the makers of naturally hardwood smoked sausage and perfectly seasoned deli meats, has collaborated with [Albertsons](#) to support local schools with a \$10,000 donation. The donation will be used by the Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools to enhance the learning of each student.

"Eckrich is proud to support these local schools and teachers by encouraging their positive impact on the community," said Elizabeth Di John, director of marketing for Smithfield Foods. "Giving back to the community is part of our brand heritage, and we are excited for the opportunity to continue this tradition through the donation made today."

"Albertsons is delighted to serve the residents of Billings and is proud to be a part of this donation to support our local schools and their students," said Chuck Cremer, District Manager of the Intermountain Division for Albertsons. "We're fortunate to have fantastic community-focused partners who support our efforts to give back."

Eckrich presented the donation at the Albertsons store location on Grand Avenue in Billings. Additionally, attendees were entertained by the Billings Senior High School drumline and the Billings West High School choir.

### About Smithfield Foods

Smithfield Foods is a \$15 billion global food company and the world's largest pork processor and hog producer. In the United States, the company is also the leader in numerous packaged meats categories with popular brands including Smithfield®, Eckrich®, Nathan's Famous®, Farmland®, Armour®, Farmer John®, Kretschmar®, John Morrell®, Cook's®, Gwaltney®, Carando®, Margherita®, Curly's®, Healthy Ones®, Morliny®, Krakus®, and Berlinki®. Smithfield Foods is committed to providing good food in a responsible way and maintains robust animal care, community involvement, employee safety, environmental, and food safety and quality programs. For more information, visit [www.smithfieldfoods.com](http://www.smithfieldfoods.com), and connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).

### About Eckrich

Founded by Peter Eckrich in 1894, Eckrich has a rich heritage starting from a small meat market in Fort Wayne, Ind. Through it all, Eckrich meats have been recognized for their great taste and supreme quality, craftsmanship, care and pride. For more information, visit [www.eckrich.com](http://www.eckrich.com). Eckrich is a brand of Smithfield Foods.

### About Albertsons Companies

Albertsons Companies is one of the largest food and drug retailers in the United States, with both a strong local presence and national scale. The company operates stores across 35 states and the District of Columbia under 20 well-known banners including Albertsons, Safeway, Vons, Jewel-Osco, Shaw's, Acme, Tom Thumb, Randalls, United Supermarkets, Pavilions, Star Market, Haggen, and Carrs. We strive to earn the reputation as the Favorite Local Supermarket™ in every neighborhood through a rich tradition of service. And while we're proud of that history, we're equally eager for what the future holds. Albertsons Companies is committed to meeting customers whenever, wherever, and however they want to shop. We run one of the largest e-commerce platforms in the country and are harnessing big data to deliver more of the products that customers want at prices they can afford through loyalty programs like Just for U. Most importantly, however, our 275,000 employees care deeply about the communities they live and work in. In 2017 alone, along with the Albertsons Companies Foundation, the company gave nearly \$300 million in food and financial support. These efforts helped millions of people in the areas of hunger relief, education, cancer research and treatment, programs for people with disabilities and veterans outreach.

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