News Release

Fry's Food Stores and Smith's Ratify Agreement with UFCW Local 99

TOLLESON, Ariz., Oct. 2, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- The Kroger Co. (NYSE: KR) associates working at Fry's Food Stores and Smith's Food and Drug in Arizona have ratified a new labor agreement with UFCW Local 99.

"We are pleased to reach an agreement that is good for our associates and also allows us to be competitive in the very competitive Arizona marketplace," said Jon Flora, president of Fry's. "I want to thank our associates for supporting this agreement, as well as for the excellent service they provide every day to our customers and company."

Smith's President Mark Tuffin also recognized associates and said, "This is good news for everyone. I want to thank our associates for their teamwork and the outstanding service they provide our customers every day."

The contract covers more than 15,000 Fry's associates working in 121 stores in Phoenix, Tucson, and throughout the state of Arizona. It also covers 427 Smith's associates working in Kingman, Bullhead City, Ft. Mohave and Lake Havasu.

About Fry's Food Stores

Fry's Food Stores is headquartered in Tolleson, Arizona. The company employs more than 17,000 Arizona residents. The 121 Fry's Food Stores service more than one million households per week. Fry's has been serving Arizonans with fresh food at famous low prices since 1960. For more information, visit the company's web site at www.frysfood.com.

About Smith's Food and Drug

Smith's operates 131 stores and 74 fuel centers in seven western states from its division office in Salt Lake City, Utah. Smith's charitable giving, in partnership with 15,600 associates, generous customers and suppliers, totaled $9.5 million in cash and food products to local organizations in 2011. For more information: www.smithsfoodanddrug.com.

About Kroger

Kroger, one of the world's largest retailers, employs more than 339,000 associates who serve customers in 2,425 supermarkets and multi-department stores in 31 states under two dozen local banner names including Kroger, City Market, Dillons, Jay C, Food 4 Less, Fred Meyer, Fry's, King Soopers, QFC, Ralphs and Smith's. The company also operates 788 convenience stores, 342 fine jewelry stores, 1,124 supermarket fuel centers and 37 food processing plants in the U.S.

Recognized by Forbes as the most generous company in America, Kroger supports hunger relief, breast cancer awareness, the military and their families, and more than 30,000 schools and grassroots organizations in the communities it serves. Kroger contributes food and funds equal to 160 million meals a year through more than 80 Feeding America food bank partners. For more information please visit Kroger.com
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