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State Employees Set Record For Charitable Contributions

RICHMOND – Virginia state employees raised over \$4.4 million in support of more than 1,200 local, state and national charities during the 2007 Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC), surpassing any previous total for the annual workplace giving campaign.

The final accounting shows that 36 of the 149 participating state agencies participating in the campaign compiled their best fundraising totals. The \$4,451,270 in total contributions, donated by over 25,000 employees, represents a 3.5 percent increase over the 2006 total.

“The 2007 campaign continues to be one of firsts,” said Sara R. Wilson, director of the Virginia Department of Human Resource Management and chair of the annual fundraising campaign. “This was the first year employees could make their pledges online; the first time they could donate to the State Employee Assistance Fund; and now, the first time we have raised over \$4.4 million.”

The employee-run program supports charities as disparate as volunteer fire departments, animal shelters, the Massie Cancer Center and environmental organizations. The employee-operated campaign has raised nearly \$30 million since its inception in 1997.

The State Employee Assistance Fund will provide emergency cash grants to employees and will be administered by a panel of state employee volunteers.

Employees can contribute to CVC either by payroll deduction, cash, check, credit card or stock donation. The average gift was \$174.

“What makes this campaign special is that employees showed how much they cared for their neighbors and the less fortunate, even with the downturn in the national economy,” said Anne Dinterman, statewide director of the campaign.

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