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Governor Minner Announces Substantial Increase in State Employee Donations to Delaware Charities

Dover Governor Ruth Ann Minner today announced that state employees raised more than \$677,000 in donations for the 2006 Delaware State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC), representing a 20 percent increase over last year's total. Governor Minner was joined by Lt. Governor John Carney, Drew Langloh, President of the United Way of Delaware, John and Cathy Burris, Co-Chairs of the 2006 Delaware United Way Campaign and Co-Chairs for this year's State Employees' Charitable Campaign (SECC) State Treasurer Jack Markell and Jennifer Davis, Director of the Office of Management and Budget for today's announcement.

"During this holiday season it is important for all of us to do what we can to help those in need. I am especially gratified that state employees have generously given to support this cause," Governor Minner said.

"The work we do in state government is only successful through partnering with our non-profit providers, many of whom receive funding through the United Way campaign. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of so many Delawareans that need our services and support," Lieutenant Governor John Carney said.

"The real credit for this amazing effort goes to all of our state employees who dug in and got the word out about this year's campaign to their agencies as team captains and agency chairs," SECC Delaware Co-Chair State Treasurer Jack Markell said. "On behalf of all the Delawareans who will benefit, I say thank you."

The SECC is Delaware State Government's only charitable fundraising drive, which provides state employees and retirees the opportunity to donate to over 140 charitable organizations through payroll deductions and one-time donations. Total 2006 campaign contributions totaled over \$677,000 surpassing last year's total by more than \$113,000.

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Drew Langloh, President of the United Way of Delaware said, "The State of Delaware and United Way of Delaware share a common goal of improving the lives of all Delawareans. SECC donations make it possible for local organizations to provide services that help our most needy individuals and families. Year after year state employees and retirees provide increased donations that are critically important to charitable organizations in Delaware. They should be commended for not only dedicating their lives to public service – but also for their generosity in charitable giving."

“State employees have hit a home run once again,” said Office of Management and Budget Director and SECC Co-Chair, Jennifer Davis. “They never fail to step up to the plate and respond to the needs of the community by generously giving to the SECC campaign.”