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Governor Minner Announces Significant Results From the State Employees Charitable Campaign

Dover— Governor Ruth Ann Minner announced today that state employees raised more than \$700,000 in donations in this year's State Employees' Charitable Campaign. This represents nearly a 9.5 percent increase over last year's total of approximately \$640,000.

"I am extremely proud of our state employees for raising this money to help Delaware's neediest residents," Gov. Minner said. "That is more than half a million dollars that is going to go back into our communities to help individuals and families make their lives better."

Several agencies had an overall increase of more than 30 percent in funds raised compared to last year. Those agencies are: the Department of Correction, the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families, the Delaware National Guard and the Department of Agriculture. In addition, the Office of the State Auditor and the Courts also set records for fundraising in this year's SECC campaign.

"I am so proud of the work that goes into this very successful campaign," Lieutenant Governor John C. Carney, Jr. said. "Through the tireless efforts of the team captains and agency chairs, we have been able to come through once again for the Delawareans who need our help the most."

"Our state employees were incredibly creative this year," said Jennifer (JJ) Davis, co-chair of the campaign. "Team captains came up with many events in an effort to maximize their fundraising efforts."

The events included a pizza lunch, spare change jar, silent auction, dress down day, ice cream social, chili cook-off, dunking booth, car wash, craft show, trivia contest, Halloween costume contest and a white elephant sale.

"Every year the United Way partners with the State of Delaware to raise money for a variety of local charities. Without the contributions we get from state employees in this campaign, many of these organizations would not have the resources they need. We are so thankful for the spirit of compassion that we see every year with the SECC campaign," said Walter Derricotte, Director of Resource Development for the United Way of Delaware.

The State Employees' Charitable Campaign (SECC) was started in 1991 as a way to facilitate charitable giving for employees of the State of Delaware. The campaign kicks off each year in September and runs through the end of October.