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Governor Minner Announces Total Contributions from the State Employees' Charitable Campaign

DOVER —Governor Ruth Ann Minner announced Monday that state employees raised more than \$670,000 in donations in this year's State Employees' Charitable Campaign (SECC). This represents a 3.5 percent increase over this year's goal of \$650,000.

"State employees always support our SECC effort with great enthusiasm, and I am very proud that we have exceeded our goal for another year," Governor Minner said.

Several agencies increased their contributions from last year. These agencies include: Department of Correction, Department of State, Delaware National Guard, Department of Transportation and the Delaware State Housing Authority. In addition, the Office of the State Insurance Commissioner, the Delaware Transit Corporation and the Courts also increased their contributions to this year's campaign.

"In these trying economic times our nonprofit partners have seen the demand for their services rise dramatically," said Lt. Governor and honorary SECC chair John Carney. "Once again, our employees opened their hearts and wallets and came through to make this campaign a success."

"The 2008 SECC team did an amazing job this year and surpassed the state fundraising goal," said Harold Gray, United Way of Delaware's Vice President, Resource Development and Strategic Partnerships. "It's a tough time for many of our neighbors due to the uncertain economy. But, with the dedication and commitment from state employees and our other partners, United Way of Delaware will continue to make a positive impact on our community. Thanks for your support."

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The State Employees' Charitable Campaign was started in 1991 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.