



THE STATE, UNIVERSITY, AND UW HOSPITAL & CLINICS EMPLOYEES COMBINED CAMPAIGN OF DANE COUNTY

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**OVER 7,000 STATE, UNIVERSITY AND UW HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES IN DANE COUNTY
DONATE \$2.5 MILLION TO CHARITY**

Annual Partners in Giving combined employee campaign raises \$69 million since 1973

MADISON, WI – Over 7,300 employees in Dane County at state agencies, UW-Madison and the UW Hospital and Clinics have donated more than \$2.5 million to charity.

Partners in Giving, a volunteer-driven, combined employee fundraising campaign, has presented a check for \$2.57 million to 11 nonprofit umbrella groups which represent and fund over 500 local, state, national and international charitable organizations.

During last fall's Partners in Giving Campaign "Many Causes. One Community. Your Choice.", retired and current state, university and hospital employees had the option to donate online or by pledge form to the charity or charities of their choice. The 520 charitable groups cover a wide range of causes, from community health services and cancer research to environmental protection and global disaster relief.

"The Partners in Giving donations are the lifeblood of our charities," says Greg Zalesak, Co- Chair of the Partners in Giving Campaign Board. "Without these employee contributions, there is no way the umbrella organizations and their groups could do the kind of work they do to strengthen communities and enhance quality of life."

The 2014 Partners in Giving Campaign raised a total \$2,575,724 from these groups in Dane County:

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- State employees: \$1.1 million
- University of Wisconsin employees: \$1.2 million
- UW Hospital and Clinics employees: \$210,000

Since its inception as the State Employees Combined Campaign in 1973, the campaign has raised a remarkable \$69 million for charitable causes.

“State employees and staff on campus and at the UW Hospital continue to astound us by their passion and generosity,” says Partners in Giving Campaign Board Co-Chair Phyllis Fuller. “Each year, no matter what, employees overwhelmingly respond to their on-site volunteer teams and donate to help their neighbors and other causes in Wisconsin and around the world.”

For more information on the 2014 Partners in Giving Campaign, please visit www.giving.wi.gov.

The 2014 Partners in Giving Campaign Umbrella associations representing 520 charities:

*Access to Community Services
America's Charities
Community Health Charities of Wisconsin
Community Shares of Wisconsin
EarthShare Wisconsin
Global Impact
Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin (administered by Hunger Task Force, Inc.)
Independent Charities of America
Neighbor To Nation
United Way of Dane County
Wisconsin Environmental Education Foundation*

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