



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

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STATE & UW EMPLOYEES IN DANE COUNTY RAISE \$2.5 MILLION FOR 500 CHARITIES

State, University and UW Hospital employees 'Give a Little, Change a Lot'

MADISON, WI – Over 7,100 employees at state agencies in Dane County, UW-Madison and the UW Hospital and Clinics have once again raised millions of dollars for charities at home, across the nation and around the world.

Partners in Giving, an annual workplace fundraising campaign organized and run by employee volunteers, Tuesday presented a check for \$2.5 million to 11 nonprofit umbrella organizations which fund over 500 charities based in Wisconsin, the U.S. and around the globe.

“Seeing a \$2.5 million dollar check presented to representatives of the 500 charitable groups in the Campaign is a powerful symbol,” said Phyllis Fuller, volunteer and Co-Chair of the Partners in Giving Board. “It means state and UW employees still care deeply about charitable giving and continue to fund the charities of their choice, even if it is a small amount. They know together those small donations can change a lot of lives.”

Partners in Giving, the Dane County portion of the State Employee Combined Campaign, kicked off its 2015 fundraiser “Give a Little, Change a Lot” last October. Nearly 7,170 State, UW and UWHC employees responded by pledging donations by cash, check or payroll deduction, and by supporting countless special events, such as bake sales, Chili Cook offs, Penny Wars and Pie in the Face contests.

The Campaign is efficient and effective because it lets employees easily choose the charities of their choice, reduces overhead fundraising expenses, and gets more money into the hands of the charities that need it. The donations are used to fund an extensive variety of programs and services that help communities, individuals and their families.

“I give to feel like a part of my community, and to feel like I’m part of a community of people who want to be there for each other and do right by one another,” said Charlie Crawford-Fischer, Chair of the 2015

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Wisconsin Department of Corrections Partners in Giving Volunteer Committee. "I know that donating even a small amount of money, when combined with other donations, creates a big impact."

Since 1973, the Partners in Giving State Employees Combined Campaign has donated over \$70 million for a wide range of charitable causes, from cancer research and cleaner air and water to better health care for senior citizens and services for wounded veterans.

For more information on the 2015 Partners in Giving Campaign and its charities, please visit www.giving.wi.gov.

The 2015 Partners in Giving Campaign Umbrella associations representing 520 charities:

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

