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STATE, UW AND UW HEALTH EMPLOYEES IN DANE COUNTY KICK OFF CHARITY FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

2015 Campaign raised more than \$2.5 million for 520 charities *State employees team up again to 'Give a Little, Change a Lot'*

MADISON, WI – Thousands of employees at state agencies, the University and UW Health offices in Dane County this week are kicking off their annual workplace fundraising campaign which supports 520 charities.

Partners in Giving, the largest charitable fundraising campaign in Dane County, is organized and run by employee volunteers. It allows state employees to efficiently and conveniently give to the charities of their choice.

“Give a Little, Change a Lot”, the theme of this year’s campaign, runs Oct. 10 through Nov. 30. State and UW employees in Dane County choose their specific charities and make whatever donations they wish by cash, check, credit card or payroll contribution.

“In my job I see the needs of my local community,” said Partners in Giving volunteer coordinator and state probation and parole agent Maureen Schuck. “I don’t volunteer outside of work so being a donor and volunteer is a way for me to give back. By promoting the campaign, I encourage others to donate a little and change a lot. I can have it come right out of my check, so it’s so easy to give.”

Last fall, over 7,000 employees donated over \$2.5 million to local, state, national and international charities through direct pledges and by supporting special events such as penny wars, Chili Cook offs and silent auctions.

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 Partners in Giving Campaign and its charities, please visit giving.wi.gov.