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GENEROUS, LAST-MINUTE DONATIONS BOOST 2016 CAMPAIGN TOTAL

OVER \$2.3 MILLION AND CLIMBING!



Well beyond the official end date, Chairs and other volunteers with the 2016 Partners in Giving Campaign have continued to collect dollars and pledges from their generous colleagues with great success, dramatically increasing the total raised so far! As of Jan. 2, 2017, the total from over 6,600 state agency, UW and UW Health employee donors in Dane County was an **AMAZING \$2.31 million!!** That's down slightly from the same time a year ago. But even though it's a new year, it's still ***not too late*** to contribute to the Campaign and help countless individuals, families and agencies over the course of 2017. [Go here for the brand](#)

new Campaign totals and breakdowns by agency and UW department/school/unit!



At WI Dept. of Revenue, 2016 Partners in Giving table signs offered reminders of why it feels good to 'give a little'.

Some Chairs and other volunteers are planning final pledge form drawings or other fundraising events that coincide with the post-holiday return of many state and UW employees. It's a great opportunity to remind your colleagues one last time that the Campaign provides an easy and effective way to donate to their favorite charity or charities. There are 520 charities to choose from! **REMEMBER:** all pledges made by January 31, 2017, will be included in the award calculations for the prior year's (2016) campaign. Pledges will be accepted by the Partners in Giving Campaign until May 15th.

HOW MANY HOT DOGS COULD YOU EAT?!

DOA volunteer contestants compete at PinG fundraiser



Left to right: Chris Anderson, Assistant Deputy Secretary John Hogan, Jason Rittel, Maynard the Mallard, Angela Keelan-Martinez (DOA Partners in Giving Chair), Ryan Baker (Ref).



Check out the crazy hot dog eating contest hosted by the DOA Partners in Giving volunteer team! The Isthmus newspaper showed up and gave Partners in Giving some good publicity when they ran a story on this [hilarious all-you-can-eat contest!](#) Chair Angela Keelan-Martinez wanted to share the story and photos with any volunteers looking for a laugh. Thanks, Angela, we needed it! Well done. (No pun intended.)

Want to read more? You can [check out the story at this Isthmus link](#) or cut and paste it into your browser:

<http://isthmus.com/news/snapshot/doa-state-workers-hot-dog-eating-contest/>

We are Partners in Giving

Did you know volunteers have their own Facebook page? Thank your agency or unit donors and showcase the photos from your successful events! Post your latest contribution totals!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PartnersinGivingVolunteers/>

KNOW A GREAT VOLUNTEER? NOMINATE THEM!

January 20th deadline for Volunteer Award nominations



Longtime, retired Partners in Giving Campaign/United Way Fiscal Agent volunteer Doug Palm in early 2016 received a special award for his work. Board members recently decided to name a volunteer award after him in his honor: the Doug Palm Community Service Award is for those demonstrating creativity, resourcefulness, enthusiasm, integrity and outstanding achievement.

Board Co-Chairs next to Doug are Greg Zalesak and Phyllis Fuller.

Every year, Partners in Giving solicits nominations for volunteers and Chairs who have done outstanding work. A person may be nominated for a special event, in particular, or for general excellence in fundraising. Or, they have been doing Partners in Giving Campaign work for a long time and deserve some recognition.

You can read about the Awards and criteria for each on the [Nomination Form here](#). You can also find it on the [Partners in Giving website](#). Then think of who best deserves one, **write a short summary** of the reasons they qualify for that award and **send it in by Jan. 20**. It's that simple! (Please nominate a volunteer for only one type of award.)

Email your nomination(s) to our wise and wonderful Partners in Giving Administrative Board Co-Chairs Phyllis Fuller at Phyllis.fuller@wisconsin.gov and Greg Zalesak at zalesak@neurology.wisc.edu Please nominate a volunteer for one award only.

UPDATE: Award Survey for Chairs

All UW and state agency Chairs received an online survey to gauge support for the Partners in Giving yearly Volunteer Awards. Thank you to those who responded. We received some excellent feedback and ideas. Overall, according to the

respondents, state agencies and UW departments/units widely support the Volunteer Awards and their continuation. So, don't forget to get your nominations in by Jan. 20 so those volunteers who deserve special recognition get it. We hope to see you at the annual Volunteer Awards presentation in spring '17!

DONORS DESERVE OUR THANKS

Don't forget to drop off a note, magnet, or in some other small way let your donors know how much their contributions are valued. A personal "thank you" goes a long way and can help bring back contributors next year. Also: don't forget to thank your online donors and contract employees, etc.!

You can also use your internal messaging vehicles, like email and internal websites, to generally thank everyone who helped make your agency/department/school Campaign a success. Remember to update everyone on the final numbers and other news, such as, what was the total raised by that big special event and who won? Did you meet your participation goal? Keeping people informed is the best way to keep them involved and part of your agency or department's Campaign success story.

You can use the messaging as an opportunity to remind folks it's never too late to turn in a pledge form or go online to donate.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK ON THE 2016 CAMPAIGN AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**



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story or tip?
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