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State employees set record in raising money for charity
Charitable Fund Drive raises \$1.26 million in its latest campaign

Salem—Despite a sagging economy and the likelihood of deep budget cuts, the state employees' Charitable Fund Drive (CFD) has raised \$1.26 million for charity in its latest campaign, setting a record for the organization's 19-year history, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services announced Wednesday.

"This tremendous effort shows that state employees continue to be willing to step up and help those in need even during difficult times," said Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski. "Their achievement with this year's Charitable Fund Drive is nothing short of extraordinary."

About 6,375 State employees contributed \$150,000 more than the CFD raised the previous year, said Fred Lord, chair of the CFD committee. That's an amazing 13.4-percent increase over 2007's total. Just as important, about 700 more state employees participated in the 2008 campaign than in 2007, which is a 12.5-percent increase in employee participation over 2007.

"Seeing these results makes me proud to be a state employee," Lord said. "This campaign demonstrates that even in tough times, state employees still step up and help their communities."

The CFD's annual campaign gives employees of state agencies and the Oregon University System the opportunity to make charitable contributions at work, and to control where their contributions go. Since 1989, the campaign has raised more than \$19.7 million for Oregon nonprofit groups that work on children's issues, human services, the environment, health, housing, social justice, the arts and a wide range of other concerns.

Most employees make payroll-deduction pledges in the fall. They then pay gradually from each paycheck over the next calendar year. Some state offices also host fundraising events that benefit CFD charities.

Background information:

The director of the Department of Administrative Services appoints a Charitable Fund Drive Committee, comprised of seven employees from various state agencies. The committee oversees the activities of the CFD. This committee is responsible for selecting a Campaign Management Organization (CMO) to implement its decisions and manage the day-to-day operations.

The current CMO team includes staff members of the [Children's Trust Fund of Oregon](#) and [Earth Share of Oregon](#). No state funds are used to pay for the CMO or other campaign activities. The participating nonprofit organizations pay all associated costs. A complete list of the 27 participating funds and federations and the 850 nonprofit organizations they represent is available at <http://www.oregoninvolved.org/cfd>.

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