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Commonwealth of Virginia Workforce Giving Campaign Sets State Employee Participation Goal of 25 Percent

RICHMOND — The Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM) announced today that the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC) for state employee workplace giving has set a participation goal of 25 percent of the approximately 100,000 employees in the state workforce for the 2020-21 campaign year. About 5 percent of employees participated in 2019.

Over the past 23 years, state employees have contributed more than $50 million to local charities in their communities, including $2.2 million during the 2019-20 campaign.

“State employees are committed to improving the lives of Virginians in their local communities, and they have shown their generosity even in slow economic times,” said Emily S. Elliott, DHRM Director and chair of the CVC Advisory Council, which is composed of employee representatives from each Cabinet Secretariat as well as the judicial, legislative and independent branches of government.

“I want to thank employees for their charitable spirit and energy not only in donating each year, but also in the hundreds of hours of volunteer time they give,” Ms. Elliott added.

DHRM also announced that Secretary of Health and Human Resources Dr. Daniel Carey was the winner of the inaugural CVC Vision Award, in which Secretariats were asked to submit a video championing CVC.

State employees gave last year to approximately 950 charities and the campaign received 13,000 donations. Employees can donate through payroll deduction or start a fundraiser for their favorite CVC charities, which all have been carefully screened. New in 2020-21, CVC charities are able to share volunteer opportunities through the CVC website, allowing additional opportunities for giving.

“The easiest and most impactful way for employees to give and help Virginia's families in need is through the CVC,” said Sandra Norman, CVC Advisory Council member from the Virginia Department of Transportation. “It's one of the most selfless acts that I can do to improve someone else's life through my gift at the moment they may need help,” she added.
The three charities in 2019 receiving the most donations from CVC were St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital ($67,500), the Charlottesville Free Clinic ($56,580) and Feed More ($54,860).

“On behalf of the patients and their families of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, we are so thankful for the support of CVC. Thanks to you, you are ensuring that a family never receives a bill from St. Jude for anything. Your support is helping to push the overall childhood cancer survival rate. Thanks to you, there is a St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital,” said **Michael Bigley of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital**.

“When with the generosity of donations from CVC and the support of volunteers from across the Commonwealth of Virginia, we’ve been able to serve 2,380 patients at our clinic,” said **Willa Barnhardt of the Charlottesville Free Clinic**.

State employees can give to the CVC online or find a volunteering opportunity at [www.cvcgives.org](http://www.cvcgives.org). The 2020 campaign continues through December 31.

[Executive Directive 12 (2020)](http://example.com) provides additional information on the purpose of the giving campaign and the Commonwealth’s commitment to volunteerism.

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