Boeing Employees Raise More Than $2.3 Million For Local Charities

Boeing employees in St. Louis raised more than $2 million for local charities this year through contributions to the company's Employee Community Fund (ECF). The company held its annual campaign recently and exceeded the goal set for 2000.

"Our ECF plan of charitable giving through payroll deductions is the most efficient, effective way we can strengthen our community," said Al Haggerty, vice president and general manager of Engineering for Boeing Military Aircraft and Missile Systems, and St. Louis ECF Campaign Site Director. "Each dollar raised in St. Louis will go to local non-profit organizations that meet needs and enrich lives here at home."

Haggerty extended his thanks to more than 85 boosters celebrating this year's successful campaign June 8 at the St. Louis Zoo. Boosters, volunteers within the company, solicit contributions from fellow employees throughout the campaign. The ECF board of directors presented zoo officials with the last of four annual pledge payments toward River Camp, the new visitor attraction.

The ECF campaign originated in St. Louis in 1948 as an alternative to separate in-plant charitable campaigns. Contributions to the fund are placed in a trust account and disbursed by an employee board to selected charitable organizations.

More than 190 St. Louis organizations benefited from ECF grants last year.

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