



## News Release

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In 2011, State of Michigan employees and retirees gave close to \$1 million through their annual Michigan State Employees Charitable Campaign (SECC). Locally, in the Eastern Upper Peninsula, State Employees gave \$27,209 to non-profits.

**Chippewa County** employees that gave were employed by: Management, Budget and Technology, the Civil Service Commission, Dept. of State, Dept. of Human Services, Dept. of Corrections Central Office, Kinross Correctional, Hiawatha Correctional, Northern Region Admin and Support, Chippewa Facility, Field Operations Region III, MI State Police, Bridge Authority and the Dept. of Natural Resources totaling **\$25,025**.

**Luce County** employees that gave were employed by: Civil Service Commission, Northern Region Admin and Support and the Newberry Correctional Facility totaling **\$1,716**.

**Mackinac County** employees that gave were employed by: MI State Police, Transportation Central Office and the Mackinac Bridge Authority totaling **\$468**.

"State of Michigan employees give through payroll deduction or one-time gifts to charitable causes that are meaningful to them," said Tim McCormick, SECC Steering Committee chair.

In 2011, over 1,200 charities participated in the SECC campaign, including 47 United Ways and 11 Federations. This includes the United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

"These organizations help with critical community needs," noted Ken Moore, president of the Michigan State Employees Association, representing labor on the SECC Steering Committee. "The State Employees Charitable Campaign links State of Michigan employees and retirees with many charitable organizations that provide a variety of assistance locally, nationally and internationally."

The SECC traditionally kicks off in September and ends in October, although state employees and retirees have the opportunity to give throughout the year. In 2001, with the tragedy of 9-11, the SECC received the most contributions in its history--approximately \$2.4 million.

"State of Michigan employees and retirees are generous with their personal time and money," said State Personnel Director Jeremy Stephens, SECC Campaign chair. "Since its inception, they have helped raise over \$45 million for partner charities."

In 1987, the State Administrative Board adopted a combined campaign and annual event to provide State of Michigan employees with an opportunity to express their commitment to charitable health and human service organizations.