

State Employee Charitable Campaign started September 1

TDCJ employees have generously supported the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) and its charities for 25 years. Last year, agency staff raised \$877,678 for the SECC, slightly down from the prior year, as TDCJ employees were also donating generously to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

The 2018 SECC campaign started September 1 and will end October 31.

The SECC is Texas' only statutorily authorized workplace fundraising campaign for state agency and higher education employees, and participation in the program is completely voluntary. Donations can be made to a variety of charities, and participating groups range from small local charities to large, well-known national and international nonprofit organizations. Since 2004, TDCJ employees have donated a total of nearly \$11 million to SECC charities.

Despite the slight drop in last year's contributions, TDCJ SECC Coordinator Carie Beaty anticipates a successful 2018 campaign, pointing out that "Although payroll deduction participation was slightly down last year, TDCJ employees made up for it by holding many successful fundraisers statewide. I have no doubt that our awesome employees will do a fantastic job again this year!"

Contributions made through payroll deductions provide consistent and reliable support, contributions made by cash and check are also accepted and, like payroll deductions, can be directed to your favorite charities.



Participating charities are screened to make sure they meet stringent legal requirements, are recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and are registered with the Secretary of State. SECC charities are also audited every year to ensure they spend no more than 25 percent of contributions on administrative costs.

To learn more about the SECC and which charities it represents, visit the SECC website. A calendar of planned TDCJ fundraisers, as well as instructions on submitting a fundraising event, can be accessed on the agency website. ♦