



INL contractors raise more than \$668K for United Way

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Employees at the U.S. Department of Energy's two biggest contractors in Idaho have pledged more than \$668,000 in contributions to the United Way, which will help United Way organizations and nonprofits throughout eastern Idaho.

Employees at Battelle Energy Alliance, which manages and operates Idaho National Laboratory, have pledged \$354,644. Employees at Fluor Idaho, which manages environmental cleanup work there, have pledged \$207,000. The companies have 4,200 and 1,800 employees, respectively.

The \$668,000 total for this year's campaign beats last year's by more than \$50,000 and is the most INL contractors have given United Way in a decade.

Battelle employees took part in several fundraising events and an online auction that also brought in nearly \$35,000, according to a news release from INL and Fluor. INL employees also contributed nearly \$17,000 in additional funds to 33 other nonprofits as part of their write-in option in the campaign. The \$668,000 total also includes \$55,000 which Battelle donated and which will be shared by the United Way offices in Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Twin Falls, based on the percentage of employees living in each region.

Overall, Battelle employees raised \$406,200, beating the goal by more than \$11,000, said Ron Crone, INL associate laboratory and United Way campaign champion.

"This year, we asked volunteers from each of our divisions to visit United Way-supported agencies," Crone said in a news release. "They were able to see first-hand the incredible work those agencies perform to change the lives of those in our communities. These volunteers were then able to share with their co-workers the impact of their contributions. We are very passionate about United Way and the important services the agencies they support provide to our communities."

Some Fluor employees also toured their local United Way agencies, learning more about what they do and spreading the information among their co-workers, said Fluor Idaho Environment, Safety and Health Director Alice Doswell, Fluor Idaho's United Way campaign champion, in the release. Fluor matched the employee contributions by 50 cents to each \$1, adding \$64,000, said Program Manager Fred Hughes.

"Fluor Idaho appreciates the contributions made by all the employees and companies who are great private and corporate citizens, working to improve the quality of life we can all enjoy," Hughes said in the release.