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State Employee Charitable Campaign started September 1

For more than 20 years TDCJ employees have generously supported the State Employee Charitable Campaign and its charities. Last year, agency staff raised more than one million dollars for the SECC, bringing the total amount raised for the SECC since 2004 to more than \$10 million. The 2017 SECC campaign began September 1 and will end October 31.

The SECC is Texas' only statutorily authorized workplace fundraising campaign for state agency and higher education employees. 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.

Executive Director Bryan Collier commented on the agency's longstanding support for the SECC fundraising campaign by describing the generosity of TDCJ employees as "remarkable and inspiring" and expressing his gratitude and appreciation for the continued support of charitable organizations across the state.

Carie Beaty, TDCJ's SECC coordinator, expressed her confidence in staff support for this year's campaign, saying that "In addition to their regular duties, employees work diligently on the SECC by coming together



as a team. Their teamwork is the core of our campaign and it will ultimately result in success once again."

Contributions made through payroll deductions provide a consistent and reliable level of support, making your donations work to their fullest advantage. 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) non-

profit 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.

Participation in the SECC program is completely voluntary. ●