

# United Way drive at 71 percent of goal

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With only one month remaining in the campaign, the 2001 fund drive for the United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties has raised more than \$3 million to date, or 71 percent of the goal, according to fund-raising chairman Ed Aromi. The Hanford sector of the campaign has provided \$1,839,389 of the total.

Several Hanford companies have had outstanding efforts during their individual campaign drives. The Washington Group, led by company coordinator Dan McKenzie, is at 171 percent of its goal. The average employee gift is \$415, and Washington Group will provide a corporate gift of 10 percent of the employee pledges.

Battelle, led by company coordinators John LeFemina and Glenda Holloway, has surpassed its goal for this year and has raised 18 percent more than last year. Battelle has seen an increase of 30 percent in employee participation.

A chili making and eating contest was a highlight of the CH2M HILL Hanford drive for this year. Thanks to the work of Shelly Switzer and Jeff Grover, CHI exceeded its goal and topped the total amount raised last year.

Tank-farm contractor CH2M HILL Hanford Group has gone 10 percent over last year's total. Rich Reisinger is the company coordinator for CHG.

The United Way will present the final numbers for the year on Nov. 27, said Aromi. Co-chairing the Hanford sector of the campaign are Fluor Hanford's Dave Van Leuven and Tom Schaffer of the Hanford Atomic Metal Trades Council. Mike Hughes of Bechtel Hanford is chair of the Vintner Campaign. ♦