

United Way posts first numbers for 2001 campaign

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The 2001 United Way campaign has reached 30 percent of its goal, according to Ed Aromi, co-chair of this year's drive. The goal for the United Way is \$4.25 million collected from the Benton and Franklin counties area. More than \$1.2 million in pledges was announced during the first reporting lunch of the campaign season, held Sept. 27.

"We are ahead of schedule at this point in the campaign because of the generosity of the Tri-Cities community," said Aromi.

The majority of the Hanford companies are Campaign Pacesetters, meaning they conduct their individual campaigns early to provide a good start to the overall drive. With many of their pledge drives finishing, the Hanford sector reported just over \$1 million in pledges. The next reporting lunch will be Oct. 11.

The companies at Hanford have established differing goals for the 2001 campaign. Some companies focused on increasing the total dollar amount pledged while others wanted to offer the donation opportunity to 100 percent of their workforce. Still others had a goal of increasing the amount pledged per giver.

Employee gifts are not the only source of funds for the United Way during the campaign. Corporations participate through matching programs or individual fundraisers. The Fluor Foundation gives 50 cents for each dollar contributed by a Fluor Hanford or Fluor Federal Services employee. A 25-cents-to-the-dollar match is contributed by CH2M HILL Hanford Group for its employees. Duratek opened the 2001 campaign with \$22,000 raised from its annual United Way golf tournament.

The 2001 Hanford campaign is being co-chaired by Dave Van Leuven of Fluor Hanford and Tom Schaffer of the Hanford Atomic Metal Trades Council. Bechtel Hanford's Mike Hughes is directing the area-wide Vintner Campaign. Aromi of CH2M HILL is co-chair of the campaign for all of Benton and Franklin Counties. ♦