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Fundraising goal set for state charitable campaign

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The Texas State Employees Charitable Campaign has launched its 2007 campaign and set its goal, to raise \$9 million from state government and higher education employees.

Last year's SECC raised approximately \$9 million, \$1.9 million of which came from the Austin area. Austin's Local Employee Committee wants to outdo that this year by raising \$2 million locally.

"It's an ambitious figure, but based on the previous generosity of participants and the hard work by our coordinators, I know it's a goal we will achieve," says Tammy Vega, chair of the Capital Area Local Employee Committee.

State employees who give to the campaign designate their donations to one or more nonprofits from a list of local, state, national and international agencies.

"Participating charities include disaster relief, the environment, children's welfare, animal rescue...there is something of interest for everyone," says Liz Fitzgerald of America's Charities.

The State Employee Charitable Campaign is overseen and managed by United Way Capital Area.

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