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Anoka County Employees Set New Record for Giving to Local Charities

Anoka County employees and retirees contributed a record \$102,433 to the 2011 charitable giving campaign, which supports charities and programs affiliated with the Greater Twin Cities United Way and Community Shares of Minnesota.

This year's total is \$5,440 more than employees pledged last year. "This year's theme was 'Every ONE Counts' and Anoka County employees certainly took that to heart," said Campaign Chair Pat Robinson. "It's so gratifying to see that even in these difficult economic times, employees were willing to dig deep and support programs that strengthen our community and help those in need."

Employees held a series of special fundraising events during the campaign including an ice cream social, featuring ice cream donated by Cold Stone Creamery in Coon Rapids and served by Anoka County commissioners; a pie sale with pies donated by Baker's Square in Coon Rapids; a silent auction; bake sales; and craft sales.

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“Even with close to 100 longtime employees, many of whom were regular campaign contributors, leaving county employment under an early retirement program, our employees still managed to give a record amount this year,” said Anoka County Commissioner Jim Kordiak. “I commend our employees for their generosity and their commitment to making our community a better place to live.”

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Anoka County Commissioner Jim Kordiak and Kris Mitchell, a campaign canvasser from the Community Health and Environmental Services Department, accept donations for the Anoka County charitable campaign during an ice cream social fundraiser at the Anoka County Government Center.

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