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The Missouri Department of Transportation has outdone themselves yet again this year. During the Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign, the MoDot employees have raised the most money and funds to go towards non-profit organizations and charities that are either local, state wide, or nationwide.

Although this is a great accomplishment for the workers, it is not their first victory. In fact, this is the sixth consecutive year that MoDot has taken first place in the Charitable Campaign. This year, they have raised a total of \$164,551.


The campaign is annually organized by the Missouri Office of Administration that allows employees to voluntarily raise money for non-profit organizations and help out with charity. These multiple fundraisers and the campaign itself has become a raging success. Throughout the twenty-eight years that the Missouri State Employee Charitable Campaign has been around, MoDot has always played a big part in the program, along with many other Missouri employees. This year, Missouri raised a grand total of \$1,050,000 for the campaign and is eager to donate it to various charities all over the country.

MoDot raised the most money as a whole, but each branch of MoDot performed their own fundraisers and have decided to donate to certain charities. Many of these fundraisers included raffles, chili suppers and cook offs, activity fairs, and others collected multiple donations.

The campaign usually starts in late August and lasts a few months until ending sometime in November, which gives the employees plenty of time to come up with fundraisers and plan fundraising events. There were about 8,500 different Missouri donors that participated in the campaign this year, which was a 2% increase from the previous years. MoDot is proud to be one of these 8,500 donors. They are currently the fourth largest that participates in the campaign.

The total money raised was donated to nearly one thousand different charities in organizations. Some of these foundations are well known, such as the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, American Association for Cancer Research, and the American Wildlife Conservation Fund. Many of the others were local donations, such as: Shop with a Cop, local Christmas programs, 4H Clubs, Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, humane societies, and church related groups.

The money that was raised by the people near the Stoddard County area and/or the Southeast Missouri area donated a majority of their money to the Salvation Army, American Red Cross (Southeast MO Chapter), Big Brothers Big Sisters of Missouri, Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland, and The Safe House for Women Group.

In previous years, money has been donated to  Joplin to help repair the horrific damage from the tornado. A majority of the funds will go towards medical foundations or local schools, clubs, or organizations that help younger children thrive and grow properly.

To willingly raise such a large amount of money and help people all across the United States is an amazing thing to do. The employees of both MoDot and other Missouri companies and businesses really put their heart into it and the totaled numbers have really shown that.

The recipients of the money raised are very thankful and the Missouri employees are preparing for next year's campaign as they create fundraising ideas and begin planning events for the months ahead so that they will have an even better turn out next year.

To see the full list of charities or money raised by the various areas and regions across the state of Missouri, visit <http://www.msecc.mo.gov>. The website also contains information about the charities that are involved, the donors that participated, and ways to help get involved in next year's upcoming campaign.

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