

State Employees Combined Campaign Kick-Off at NC State University
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Talley Student Center

Dr. Phil Westerman: I'm Phil Westerman, chair of the State Employees Combined Campaign for NC State University this year and I just want to encourage you all to look at the list of organizations and charities and find some that you would like to contribute to. And I'm sure we will have a successful campaign.

J. Alan Taylor: My name is Alan Taylor and I am the university campaign manager for the State Employees Combined Campaign. This is my fourth campaign as university campaign manager which basically means that I handle all the public universities and manage their campaigns. This, of course, is my favorite campaign, being an alumni and graduate of NC State University. The campaign is very important to the Triangle and to the state, and really globally, with some of our international organizations. Last year we raised \$521,000 and a lot of times people don't see the connection between half a million dollars and what it does for the community. Today we had the Food Bank of North Carolina come and speak and you really get to see what half a million dollars does for the community and what it really means. NC State employees need to understand that the money we are raising and the volunteering of the team captains and unit coordinators does make an impact in this community and it means a lot to a lot of people. And we just appreciate everything that this university does for the community.

Allen Reep, Vice President of Development, Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina: We're one of more than 900 agencies that the Combined Campaign supports across the state but especially here in the triangle. It's very important for those of us who serve the public to experience the generosity of the faculty and staff of NC State university. Their generosity is legendary and it does so much good for the people across the state. I represent only one of the many agencies that benefit from this campaign.

NC State Chancellor Jim Woodward: We all know that this is a difficult time for a lot of people in our community and those of us who are fortunate enough to be working have a particular obligation to try to help the needy. The best way of doing that is through participation in the State Employees Combined Campaign. We all know that this is a place with a big heart, but I would suggest that the single best measure of just how big that heart is, is the contribution that our people make every year to the State Employees Combined Campaign and I am confident that we will again have a very successful campaign on this campus.

For more information about the State Employees Combined Campaign, visit <http://ncsecc.org>.

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