SRR Employees Celebrate a Successful 2014 United Way Campaign

This year, SRR’s annual Employee United Way campaign was filled with various employee fundraising events to become more engaging for the employees. The success was evident as SRR’s employee donations reached over $296,675 for surrounding United Way agencies.

During the SRR United Way celebration, SRR distributed checks to United Way agencies in Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg/Colleton/ Hampton, Barnwell, Edgefield, McDuffie/Warren and Screven Counties, the United Way of the CSRA, and the United Way of the Midlands organizations.

SRR President and Project Manager Stuart MacVean recognized the hard work it took to make this year’s campaign successful. “Many employees gave a lot of time and energy throughout this campaign, in addition to managing their normal workload,” said MacVean. “Whether it was through donations or time spent giving back to the community, I am proud of their willingness to do whatever it takes to help those in need.”

Pictured (L-R) are SRR employees Amanda Johnson, Sally Bartelmo, Lamesha Pressley, Mike Hubbard, Heather Meraw, Maddie Blair and Jennifer Darby at SRR’s year-end United Way celebration. SRR was able to raise almost $300,000 for the surrounding United Way agencies in the 2014 campaign.

SRR Unveils ‘Cool Roofs’ to Save Energy with New Technology

The specialized commercial roofs, placed on two office buildings at SRS, are expected to lower the temperature of the standard roofs from about 150 degrees Fahrenheit in the hottest part of the summer to 100 degrees or less, which lowers the amount of air conditioning needed to cool the buildings.

Owen Stevens, SRR’s Manager of Environmental Compliance, said that while the new cool roofs reduce the cooling costs for these buildings, it also reduces energy usage. “It’s an innovative use of environmentally friendly technology that addresses a real issue,” Stevens said. “It supports SRR’s need for purchasing green, sustainable products and meeting our SRS Site Environmental Goals.”

The long-lasting roofs are made of a thick, rubber-like membrane called Thermoplastic Polyolefin. The white color helps reflect sunlight, and the material is also designed to extend the life of a roof.
SRR Adds Multi-Functional Laboratory to Assist Operations

The new lab, housed in a modular structure next to the Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF), became operational recently and replaced a laboratory that had been in use since January 1993.

The lab provides a “clean” environment (one that is not used for radioactive samples) for work, for training and as a back-up lab for the Effluent Treatment Facility, another part of the liquid waste system.

The lab is being used for a number of activities key to processing waste including:

• Preparing chemical reagents (liquids used for sample analysis) that are needed in the radiological laboratory at DWPF
• Testing new processing strategies
• Training personnel on non-radioactive equipment.

Jim Folk, DOE-Savannah River Acting Assistant Manager for Waste Disposition Project, said the lab will turn around lab samples quicker and will allow technicians to work in a lab that has all needed equipment at their fingertips.

“This lab supports the liquid waste mission to operate most efficiently and allows for us to have better training facilities for laboratory employees,” Folk said.

Pictured above is lab technician Tanja Bolt measuring chemicals in the new multi-functional laboratory at DWPF.

SRR Gives $5,000 to Salvation Army, Provides Volunteers

SRR has donated $5,000 to the Salvation Army to help cover needs in three counties – Aiken, Allendale and Barnwell counties in South Carolina.

The Salvation Army, which provides numerous services to those in need, will determine the best use of the money in their many programs.

Stuart MacVean, SRR President and Project Manager, said his company is honored to be a consistent supporter of the Salvation Army.

“The Salvation Army does exceptional work throughout the year meeting the needs of many,” MacVean said. “For SRR, supporting the Salvation Army during the holiday season is one way we can help our neighbors. We hope this outreach is felt throughout the year within our communities.”

Pictured are SRR President and Project Manager Stuart MacVean (left) presenting a $5,000 check to Captain David Phelps of the Salvation Army for programs in Aiken, Allendale and Barnwell counties. In addition to the donation, SRR provided employees who rang the bell at the Red Kettles. The SRR volunteers rang the bells and collected money at the Wal-Mart on Whiskey Road in Aiken and the Wal-Mart in Barnwell on Monday, December 15, 2014.