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To: All UW–Madison faculty and staff

From:

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Subject:

Cultivate Community: Support Partners in Giving!

Dear colleagues,

Every fall, Partners in Giving – the annual workplace giving campaign for state, Universities of Wisconsin and UW Health employees and retirees – brings our campus together to make a difference in our communities and beyond by raising funds to support hundreds of local, state, national and international charities.

On October 12, we kick off this annual tradition and invite you to join us as we embrace this year's theme: "Cultivate Community."

Why give?

With a spirit of generosity and service that defines our campus, thousands of university employees like you join together with colleagues to bolster the camaraderie, community spirit and positive impact that Partners in Giving generates throughout our community and beyond.

Last year alone, Partners in Giving raised more than \$2 million. And since 1973, the campaign has collectively raised more than \$92 million to support hundreds of charitable organizations working on improving communities at the local, state, national and international levels.

With nearly 400 participating charities this year, there are plenty of options to “Cultivate Community” – and help the causes that speak to you!

How to give

Go to giving.wi.gov to find out how to give.

- The active fall campaign is October 12 through December 1, though donations can be accepted through May 15, 2027. If giving through payroll deduction, your pledge should be made during the fall campaign.
- You can give through an online e-pledge or mail-in form.
- You choose your charity or charities – or you have the option to select an umbrella organization that will distribute your gift among many.

Campus connections

Dozens of colleagues are working as volunteers across campus to support the campaign. You may see communications from these volunteers about events or friendly competitions, as well as important information about the campaign in the coming weeks. Participating in unit-level events is a great opportunity to build community and celebrate shared purpose!

A note of gratitude

We are grateful to all who join us in making a collective impact through the Partners in Giving campaign. We also recognize and appreciate the diverse ways members of this campus contribute to the community, understanding that a financial gift is not always possible or the preferred way to give back. Whether you're donating your money, time

or talent to Partners in Giving, or in support of causes outside of the campaign, we're grateful for the spirit of service you bring to campus and beyond.

Thank you for helping to "Cultivate Community," together.

Sincerely,

Jeff Novak and Nikki Davis