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Inaugural Savannah River Site “Sports Challenge” Benefits the United Way

Fifteen teams, over 225 participants and over 40 volunteers joined forces to compete for those in need

AIKEN, S.C. (August 25, 2015) – The Savannah River Site Employee Association (SRSEA) recently hosted the SRS Sports Challenge, where good-natured rivalries between companies at the Savannah River Site (SRS) raised thousands of dollars for United Way agencies in the greater Aiken-Augusta area.

This inaugural, one-day event took place at Riverview Park in North Augusta, S.C. SRS employees from Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, Savannah River Remediation, Centerra, CB&I AREVA MOX Services, LLC and the Department of Energy-Savannah River participated in the



Savannah River Nuclear Solutions employees Jonathan Barth (left), Allan Hickman, Matthew Brantley, Brittany Hodge, Tara Smith and Senior Vice President of NNSA Operations and Programs Wallis Spangler compete in the tug-of-war competition at the inaugural SRS Sports Challenge at Riverview Park in North Augusta, S.C. More than 225 Savannah River Site employees competed in the event, which raised over \$4,000 for Aiken-Augusta area United Way agencies.

event. Overall, the SRSEA Sports Challenge raised over \$4,000 for local United Way agencies through team sponsorships.

“I appreciate everyone coming out on a Saturday to have fun outside of the workplace and support a good cause. We were blessed with great weather, a hard-working planning committee, dedicated volunteers and participants who demonstrated teamwork and good sportsmanship,” said Ben Burnau, Executive Director, SRSEA.

The 10 “field day”-inspired events ranged from the physically demanding tug-of-war to the boardwalk, where teams raced for 60 yards with two long boards strapped to their feet. Other events included pickleball, basketball free-throw relay, soccer relay, chipping golf balls, a one-mile power walk relay, disc golf, horseshoes and corn hole.

“This competition not only promotes team building among the participants and volunteers, but it also raises awareness of the needs in our community. For so many decades, site employees have hosted events that bring friends and coworkers together, and we are very grateful for the outpouring of generosity from all who gave their time and talent to this inaugural event,” said Sharon Rodgers, President, United Way of Aiken County.

“Centerra I” finished in first place with an overall score of 114, “MOX Mayhem” landed second with 95 points and the “PMCS (Project Management and Construction Services) Kobras” placed third with 94 points.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions is a Fluor-led company whose members are Fluor Federal Services, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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