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CSRA United Way Presents “Gold Champion Award” to SRNS

AIKEN, S.C., March 23, 2021 – Representatives from the United Way of the CSRA recently presented the Gold Champion Award to Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) for raising more than \$359,000 in 2020.

Since 2008, more than \$18 million has been contributed to communities within the Central Savannah River Area through the SRNS Employee United Way campaign.

“The Savannah River Site (SRS) raised over one million dollars last year, and of that nearly \$360,000 came to us to assist the local community that we serve,” said Brittany Burnett, President & CEO, United Way of the CSRA. “This funding will help us support 26 nonprofit programs, some of which are in Aiken County as well. The overall contributions from the Site allow the entire region to win. In a year like this with so many challenges, when SRNS could have taken a step back and said ‘We can’t support you this year or not in the same way,’ the exact opposite happened and the SRS employees decided to lean in harder than ever before.”

Burnett noted that due to the 2020 contributions received from SRS employees and others in the area, the lives of over 215,000 people were positively impacted.

“The face of people in need is changing due to COVID-19 and other emerging factors,” said



Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) Senior Vice President Norm Powell holds the Gold Champion Award for raising more than \$359,000 in 2020 by SRNS employees, which was donated to United Way of the CSRA. Co-Campaign Managers Marion Cofer (bottom left) and Rachael Simon (bottom right) were presented the Campaign Champion awards. Also pictured (from left) are Brittany Burnett, President & CEO, United Way of the CSRA, and her organizations, Senior Director of Resource Development, Rina Powell.

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Burnett. “People are calling us for the very first time, who never needed help before. And, due to SRNS employees’ generosity, we can meet this new set of complex needs as well.”

Every year the United Way of the CSRA selects a few people from throughout the region to recognize as Campaign Champions, those individuals who go above and beyond as leaders of their campaigns.

“There are not two people who are more deserving than SRNS Co-Campaign Managers Marion Cofer and Rachael Simon who had to be very creative working within the necessary restrictions created by the pandemic,” said Burnett.

With COVID restrictions in place, Cofer and Simon worked with their campaign committee and department leads to get creative in their fundraising efforts, ensuring the SRS tradition of exceeding campaign goals.

“I’m glad to work for a company that promotes an approach that clearly supports the ‘see a need, meet a need’ philosophy towards giving back to the community,” said Simon. “It’s an honor to receive this award.”

Cofer added, “I feel good that people appreciate what we do as a company for those in need. I’d love to be able to present everyone who contributed to the campaign this same award.”

United Way of the CSRA leads the way in identifying health and human service needs and securing the resources that allow individuals and families to achieve their potential through education, financial stability and healthy lives.

Uniting, focusing, and mobilizing the strengths of the CSRA’s finest nonprofit agencies, government agencies, companies, faith-based groups, and caring individuals is what United Way does best.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, a Fluor-led company with Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, is 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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