OHIO STATE ANNOUNCES EXPANDED 1997 COMMUNITY CHARITABLE DRIVE

COLUMBUS -- The Ohio State University, Columbus campus, has expanded its community charitable drive to include groups in addition to United Way. Any central Ohio health and human services federation -- a group of agencies within an umbrella organization -- may now apply to participate in the annual fundraiser.

"Ohio State has a strong history of giving to the community," said Larry Lewellen, acting vice president for human resources. "We're pleased to continue that tradition and to broaden donor options for faculty and staff."

The university began researching an expanded drive at the request of Greater Columbus Community Shares, a federation of agencies that are not affiliated with United Way.

Ohio State will select one federation to administer the drive, which will operate in much the same manner that the United Way campaign has in past years. The expanded drive will be reviewed and evaluated in two years, Lewellen said.

Charitable health and human services federations in central Ohio may apply to participate in Ohio State's 1997 Community Charitable Drive, and they may apply to coordinate the drive. Applications for both are due May 22 to: Cathy Cooper, Director of Human Resources Administration, 113 Archer House, 2130 Neil Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43210. For more information or for application guidelines, call 292-4164.

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Contact: Cathy Cooper, director of human resources administration, (614) 292-4164.
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Dear Colleague:

The Ohio State University takes great pride in the traditions of excellence that distinguish us in our community and nationwide. In addition to our rich history, exemplary academic standards, and strong community involvement, we as Buckeyes also share an equally proud tradition of caring as demonstrated through our annual support of the Community Charitable Drive.

With the theme “Bucks for Charity,” the Community Charitable Drive is an important partnership the University has forged with our surrounding community. In a single, efficient fund-raising effort, the drive offers faculty and staff the opportunity to support numerous worthy local charities whose impacts on health and human services include medical research, rehabilitation, education, social and community services, aid to youth and the elderly, and environmental conservation. Programs represented in the drive are those of eight carefully selected federations of local charities in central Ohio counties.

Last fall, Ohio State employees on the Columbus campus surpassed our 2001 campaign goal for the fifth consecutive year to raise $793,275 for local charities. This year, in typical “Bucks” fashion, we will again raise the bar on the standard of caring, seeking to raise $800,000 to make 2002 our most successful drive yet.

Your contribution can help us do just that during our 2002 Community Charitable Drive. Between October 1 and November 27, you will be contacted by a colleague who has volunteered to serve as a departmental coordinator. Your coordinator will have information about the drive and provide you with a pledge form to complete, which notes contribution level and charity selections. A printed donor guide describing the charities and their records of administrative expense is available from your departmental coordinator, and similar information is available online at http://hr.osu.edu/special/ccd. With choices as diverse as our myriad disciplines and areas of specialty at the University, you are certain to find an organization that fits the causes and charities you and your family care about most. We encourage you to make that choice wisely and to give generously.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this year’s Community Charitable Drive. We look forward to seeing our collective “Bucks for Charity” at work in our community.

Sincerely,

Karen A. Holbrook
President

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Chair

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Co-Chair