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DPW Employees Support those in Need

Beyond their day to day work, DPW employees make extra efforts to support those in need through personal donations of money and time.

DPW participation in the State Employees Combined Appeal (SECA)

DPW employees have generously given their own money to the SECA campaign. In the last two years, DPW employees have donated over \$1.1 million to the charities of their choice.

DPW supports families during the Holidays

DPW, along with other state agencies, annually provides support to needy families through the purchase of gifts, warm clothes and food. This year, over 710 children, seniors and parents will receive gifts purchased by DPW employees. Staff at Clarks State Hospital participate in the local Toys for Tots program to provide gifts to children during the holiday season. The Warren County Assistance Office staff has for the past two holiday seasons provided stockings filled with candies, goodies and necessities to the children residing in the local domestic violence shelter.

DPW supports Victims of Domestic Violence Services

Staff and residents at Loysville Youth Development Center support a local race that raises money for domestic violence services in Cumberland and Perry County. Staff participated in local yard sales to raise money for the race and, along with residents, volunteered their time to help make the race a success.

County Assistance Offices (CAOs) supporting their local Communities

Staff at the Jefferson County CAO supports a mitten tree. The mittens are free for any parent or child who visits the CAO office and is in need of warm winter accessories.

Many of the local CAOs have cancer awareness fund raisers. The Bucks County Assistance Office held a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and staff donated baked goods, homemade candy, hot dogs, and snow cones resulting in a grand total of \$1,800 for the American Cancer Society.

In February of 2009, the Lawrence County CAO instituted "Dress-down Fridays" on which, for a monetary donation, employees could wear the sweatshirt or "T" of their favorite team. Since its inception, \$3,000 has been generated and donated to local charities.

The mission of the Department of Public Welfare (DPW) is to protect and serve Pennsylvania's most vulnerable citizens, to promote, improve and sustain the quality of family life, and to break the cycle of dependency, while managing our resources effectively and promoting respect for employees. The focus of DPW's Budget is **sustainability**—preserving services for those who need them, **quality and results**—ensuring services improve the lives of those who receive them, and **accountability**—ensuring efficient use of tax dollars. For more information about the DPW budget visit www.dpw.state.pa.us.