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NFS employees lead way in Unicoi County United Way drive

Employees help county exceed its goal

(Erwin, Tenn.) – Unicoi County’s United Way drive recently celebrated another year where the effort exceeded its goal. The employees of Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS) played a key role in making the campaign a success.

“Our employees are famous for their giving and this year was no exception,” said NFS President and Chief Executive Officer Dwight Ferguson. “I am happy that NFS can play an important role in supporting important non-profit groups in Unicoi County and elsewhere.”

Unicoi County’s goal for the 2008 United Way campaign was \$89,472. NFS employees contributed 30 percent of that amount. With NFS employee contributions of \$26,962 the county fund drive completed the 2008 effort with \$99,288, nearly \$10,000 above its goal.

“We can count on NFS and its employees to care about our community,” said Lee Brown, the campaign chairman of the county United Way drive. “NFS employees contribute heavily not only to the United Way in our county, but also to other county United Way drives and to our local schools. We appreciate the support very much.”

The NFS annual fund drive enables employees to contribute to several area United Way fund drives as well as to the Adopt-A-School fund for two Unicoi County elementary schools. In addition to Unicoi County’s United Way, employees contributed \$10,438.40 to the Washington County United Way, \$2,400 to Kingsport, \$3,262 to Carter County and \$969 to Greene County. Adopt-A-School donations to Love Chapel and Temple Hill schools were \$17,001. Total NFS contributions from the campaign reached \$61,032.

The largest recipient of Unicoi County United Way funding is the Clinchfield Senior Adult Center. The organization will receive nearly \$20,000 from the United Way for 2009 programs.

The campaign also set a new record for participation by members of the United Steel Workers union. The campaign was a joint effort by NFS management, its salaried employees as well as the local United Steel Workers union local hourly workforce.

“NFS and its employees truly care about the community and our fundraising effort is just one example,” said Tim Lindstrom, NFS Executive Vice-President and General Manager. “Our record-setting donations indicate the generosity of our hourly and salaried employees.”