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River Corridor Closure Project Mission

Complete the safe, compliant and efficient cleanup of the River Corridor by 2012.

Gifts tagged for adopted families

Team members throughout the River Corridor Closure (RCC) Project committed to supporting local families this holiday season.

Eberline Services Hanford, Inc. (ESHI) adopted two families in November and hung their gift tags on two holiday trees. Team members donated non-perishable food items, along with goods and gifts for a silent auction on Dec. 7 that raised over \$1,000, bringing the donation total to over \$2,700. The outstanding generosity allowed ESHI to secure a third family for even more holiday giving!



From left to right, Donna Eich, Joyce LoParco, Matt Buechler and Pam Koehler sit in the Fermi lobby. The team decorated tags with gift ideas for the Fermi Building's five adopted families.

300 Area D4 and Fermi Quality Assurance team members adopted a family of 10, for whom they not only donated gifts but also held a chili hot dog and lasagna fundraiser feed that raised approximately \$600.

At ERDF, team members including ILSI, Stoller and ESHI sponsored two families identified by Columbia Basin College as having one or more parents in school and being in need of support. Nancy Brower, Waste Services administrative assistant, said the team donated gifts listed on tags hung on garland in ERDF trailers.

At the Fermi Building, five adopted families were identified by the Benton Franklin Health District (BFHD) in need of clothing, toys and personal care items. Employees selected ornaments decorated with age appropriate gift ideas and hung on the giving tree located in the front lobby of the building.

For their adopted families, 100-N and 100-F Field Remediation team members

RCC Project reaches 2006 United Way goal

RCC Project team members achieved their goal of raising \$122,000 by Nov. 30 to benefit the United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties. Washington Closure Hanford is also donating \$15,000 in corporate funds and ESHI is contributing \$3,000, bringing the River Corridor total to more than \$140,000. The staff donation, a 12 percent increase over last year, and the corporate contributions will help fund 42 programs and services of 22 community partners.

Due to the enthusiasm of several HAMTC stewards, the number of participating craft workers was up 46 percent. "Three people in particular went out of their way to make that happen: Annette Howell, Len Morgan and Jim Millbauer," said Washington Closure President Pat Pettiette. "We couldn't have done it without them and look forward to their participation, as well as that of the other stewards, again next year." Jim is the HAMTC representative on the United Way board and works for Fluor.

All contributing employees were eligible for prize drawings and the following team members were awarded:

Jon Fancher won the 26-inch LCD HDTV, and **Fran Delozier, Lori Huntley, Mike Kalinowski** and **John Williamson** won a lunch with Pat – all as a part of the \$20 drawing.

Sharon Baasch won the iPod in the drawing for new and increased givers of \$260 a year or more.

Roy Ferguson, Donald Perry, Janie Salazar and **Terry Vaughan** won \$50 gift certificates to local restaurants for being new or increased givers.

Ora Anthis, Mike Schwab, Mike Turner and **Duff Wonders** each received a \$50 gift certificate to a local restaurant for turning in their pledges by Nov. 22.

Congratulations to winners of the drawing and thanks to everyone for helping the RCC Project exceed its 2006 United Way campaign goal.

collected toys and clothes, along with monetary or gift card donations, for the families' seniors, adults and children of assorted ages.

Thank you to all RCC Project team members for making such meaningful contributions during this year's giving season.

Washington Closure welcomes new directors

Washington Closure Hanford recently welcomed four new directorial hires to improve its health and safety culture and working environment.

Neil Brosee, *Deputy General Manager*, will maintain consistent conduct of operations in projects, discipline in Labor Management and work controls for Washington Closure projects. Neil has worked as the commissioning and training manager at the Hanford Waste Treatment Plant and the West Valley Demonstration Project in New York, and he has 40 years of experience in nuclear power construction, startup, operations and D4.

Rob Cantwell, *Radiological Control Manager*, is a welcomed leader with 20 years of experience in the nuclear field and over 15 at various DOE sites. He previously served as the Radiological Control Manager and Plutonium Stabilization Project Manager at the Plutonium Finishing Plant, and as the Director of Safety at the Hanford Tank Farms. Rob will now help implement a compliant radiological control program that maintains worker safety without being overly restrictive.

Dennis Hurshman, *Employee Concerns Program (ECP) Manager*, joins the Washington Closure team with 20 years quality assurance experience and nine years of experience in employee concern programs at the Savannah River Site and Yucca Mountain Project. Dennis will team with Jack Burgess, who will provide investigation and administrative support. Jack has 19 years of quality assurance and consulting experience as well as 5 years of experience with the ECP of the DOE. Together, the two will lead the Washington Closure ECP to provide an effective, objective avenue for employees to raise concerns for prompt resolution without fear of intimidation or reprisal. While employees are encouraged to discuss concerns with supervisors or managers, they may also contact Dennis at 372-9190 or the ECP hotline at 372-9542.



Employee Concerns Program Manager Dennis Hurshman is one of several new managerial hires to join the Washington Closure team. Find out more about the program by visiting the ECP website at <http://wch.erc.rl.gov/empcon>.

Scott Sax, *Integrated Work Control Process (IWCP) Director*, has joined the team with over 18 years of DOE service including experience as the Vice

The campaign at a glance

- 272 people contributed to United Way this year
- \$416 was the average contribution
- 46 contributed more than \$1,000 (Vintners)
- \$1,300 was the average Vintner contribution
- 52 people gave for the first time or gave an additional \$260 a year. Their contributions totaled over \$28,000
- 92 first-time donors gave an average of \$305, ranging from \$10-\$5,000.

ESFC takes extra steps for holiday families

The End States and Final Closure (ESFC) team organized the "Orphan Site Walkabout" to collect monetary holiday donations. "The fundraising is based on how many kilometers the Orphan Site projects walked these past few weeks," said Kevin Bergstrom, ESFC and Walkabout team member. "Two of us realized it already felt like a charity walkathon and decided we'd use that idea to support the other projects' winter fundraising." The team walked over 250 kilometers and raised more than \$200 to be distributed amongst the RCC Project's adopted families.

Team member awarded for Civil service

Truck Driver Doug Kelly received a letter of recognition from Washington Closure Hanford President Pat Pettiette for Good Samaritan service in early November. The letter, presented by D4 100 Area Project Manager Chris Watson, recognized Doug's responsibility and civility in helping a wandering boy return home.

President for Nuclear Operations at the Hanford Tank Farms, the Vice President for Sludge Remediation and Disposition Project at the K-Basins and the Vice President for the Plutonium Finishing Plant. Scott plans to "lead the IWCP to establish the framework for the safe execution of our work" and he will be responsible for the development, implementation and refinement of the IWCP.

With the help of these new key team members, Washington Closure continues safe, progressive and collaborative environment where all employees feel free to express their concerns.

Happy Holidays

DEAR FELLOW EMPLOYEES,
THANKS TO ALL OF YOU, WE ENJOYED A TREMENDOUSLY SUCCESSFUL YEAR. WHAT YOU HAVE DONE AND WHAT YOU DO SAFELY EVERYDAY CONTRIBUTES TO OUR GOAL OF 'ZERO' INJURIES AND IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROJECT.

TOGETHER WE REACHED 2-3M SAFE WORK HOURS, DEMOLISHED MORE THAN 70 BUILDINGS, CLEANED UP OVER 50 WASTE SITES, TRANSPORTED MORE THAN 600,000 TONS TO ERDF, STREAMLINED PROCEDURES, PARTICIPATED IN COUNTLESS MEETINGS, IMPLEMENTED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS IN RESPONSE TO EMPLOYEE CONCERNS AND REEVALUATED AND REORGANIZED TO IMPROVE OUR OVERALL EFFICIENCY.

YOU EXCEEDED ALL EXPECTATIONS! I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN 2007.



A glimpse at cleanup results

The River Corridor Closure Project is making a difference at Hanford.

Facilities Demolished



72 facilities demolished
(64 actual loadout)

**41 more than
planned**

Waste Sites Cleaned Up



51 waste sites cleaned up

**17 more than
planned**

Tons of Waste Disposed



684,000 tons disposed

**176,000 more than
planned**

As of November 2006

Doug was driving home and noticed the 3-year-old boy alone in a field with no jacket. "He was out by the road and all I could see was his head above the weeds," Doug said. "I had to stop and make sure he was all right." Doug called 911 and when the Sheriff came, they took the boy back to Doug's neighborhood. Doug's wife, a bus driver, recognized the young boy and he was returned home.

Doug demonstrated honest, continuing concern for those around him, a safety value encouraged at Washington Closure. "We want to recognize people who are committed to safety and always aware of others," Chris said. "Doug is a perfect example of that."

Misprint not a misfortune



SHQ Manager Phil Keuhlen, right, unloads boxes of donated blankets at the Tri-City Union Gospel Mission. An embroidery misprint by a manufacturer left 145 fleece blankets unusable by Washington Closure Hanford but of great service to the mission and its men's shelter.



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