



2009 SEFA/United Way Campaign

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To All State Employees

Dear Colleague,

In next week's campus mail, you should receive materials about our annual Stony Brook Cares/SEFA Campaign. Charitable giving is a personal decision. This is why the Stony Brook Cares/SEFA campaign is an excellent opportunity for you to exercise your choice. SEFA was established so that you have the potential to choose the recipient of your donation and the process is easy and effective. This annual fund-raising effort supports a network of local, national and international community services all year long. With your support, the SEFA-affiliated agencies feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, nurture the sick, care for the elderly, counsel troubled youth, protect the environment and make an overall difference in so many lives. With over 500 charitable organizations to choose from, there's sure to be a good fit for your contribution. Additionally, by making your contribution through SEFA, managed locally by the United Way of Long Island, you can be assured that your donation is put to work to address the needs you choose. Annually, 90 percent of contributions go directly to the agency/agencies of the donor's choice.

For your convenience, the pledge form for state employees is also attached to this email. Below are instructions for completing this form:

Part 1: please provide your name, department, and zip 4. Please note that the state employee designation has already been checked for you.

Part 2: please note that you will not be required to provide a line number. Please do provide the following information: your full name; Stony Brook ID; choose from among the three contribution options available; and provide required contribution information with your signature, if applicable.

Part 3: please designate the agency/agencies to which your contribution should be donated. Please visit our Stony Brook Cares web site at <http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/stonybrookcares/index.shtml> for information on how to give and for the SEFA list of charities.

All pledge forms should be returned to Darschay Harris, Staff Assistant to the Provost, 407 Administration, Stony Brook, NY 11794-1401. Please do not hesitate to contact Darschay Harris at darschay.harris@stonybrook.edu or 631-632-4360 if you should have any questions regarding this year's campaign or for assistance in completing the pledge form. Please note that the priority deadline

for the receipt of pledge forms is Friday, December 18, 2009.

Thank you for your support in helping our Long Island neighbors and people in need around the world through your contributions to the Stony Brook Cares campaign.

It is up to you. You can make the difference! Give because you care.

With Sincere Thanks,
Eric W. Kaler
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