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**STATE TREASURER COMMENDS AGENCY STAFF FOR CONTRIBUTIONS
TO STATE EMPLOYEES CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN**

Participation rate of Treasury employees among highest in state government

In comments marking State Employee Recognition Day, State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier today saluted staff members of the State Treasurer's Office for their "outstanding response" to the annual Connecticut State Employees' Campaign for Charitable Giving.

Nappier said that the 2004 final report of the "Caring for Connecticut" campaign, conducted by state agencies annually, reflects that the Treasury had the highest participation rate among the state's six constitutional offices, and among the highest participation rate of all state agencies.

In 2004, 68% of Treasury employees, a total of 99 individuals, contributed to the state employee charitable campaign, either with payroll deduction or one-time contributions.

Among major state agencies, only the State Banking Department exceeded the participation rate of Treasury employees. In addition, three individual components of the Department of Higher Education, two small quasi-public agencies (Connecticut Development Authority and Connecticut Innovations) and the Office of Consumer Counsel had higher participation rates. None of those smaller agencies had a larger number of participating employees.

"I commend the caring and commitment of Treasury employees in this statewide effort to help those in need of assistance. Our staff has demonstrated their interest in the well-being of others, and their willingness to help make a difference in individual lives and the life of our communities," Nappier said. "That heartfelt concern is reflected not only in their contributions to this charitable campaign, but in the dedicated work conducted day in and day out at the Treasury."

Among the State's Constitutional Offices, the participation rates were: Secretary of the State, 45%; Governor/Lieutenant Governor, 32%; Comptroller, 16%; Attorney General, 9%.

The 2004 Connecticut State Employees' Campaign for Charitable Giving raised \$1.7 million for hundreds of participating charitable organizations which provide a range of vital programs and services across Connecticut.

State Employee Recognition Day is observed annually across the country to recognize the contributions and dedication of state employees. It is sponsored by the National Association of State Personnel Executives, and in 2005 is marked on May 4. There are approximately 2 million state employees nationwide, including 81,000 in Connecticut, according to the Department of Administrative Services.

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