Los Alamos National Laboratory again top contributor to United Way of Santa Fe County

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LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico, May 14, 2009—Employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory for the eighth consecutive year are the largest contributors to the United Way of Santa Fe County's annual giving campaign.

Laboratory employees and Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS, the company that manages the Lab for the National Nuclear Security Administration) donated $170,000 to the United Way of Santa Fe County's 2008-2009 giving campaign.

The Laboratory, LANS, and Lab's Community Programs Office will receive a "Raise Awareness" award at the United Way of Santa Fe County 2009 innovation awards reception Tuesday, May 19 at Bishop's Lodge in Santa Fe. LANS Executive Staff Director Jerry Ethridge will accept on behalf of LANS, and Laboratory Executive Director Richard Marquez will accept the award on behalf of the Laboratory.

Los Alamos employees raised more than $2 million in pledges and donations in its most recent United Way giving campaign, which supported United Way of Santa Fe County and United Way of Northern New Mexico. The figure includes a dollar-for-dollar match from LANS.

“Our Lab employees can take pride in this accomplishment,” said Community Programs Office Director Kurt Steinhaus. “Once again, the people of Los Alamos National Laboratory have shown through their generosity that their community is important to them and that they are eager to help those around them.”

Additionally, Debra Wersonick of the Community Programs Office is receiving a “Community Ambassador” award from United Way of Santa Fe County. Wersonick coordinates the Laboratory’s employee-giving programs.

“The strength of the relationship between the Laboratory and United Way of Santa Fe County is something we're very happy about,” said Katherine Freeman, United Way of Santa Fe County president and chief executive officer. “The United Way of Santa Fe County is committed to effecting lasting change and addressing the chronic conditions in our community through innovation.”

The Laboratory's 2010 Employee Giving campaign is scheduled to begin September 28.

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