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EIU SECA FAIR DAY

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University faculty and staff and other interested individuals can learn how they can do more to help citizens in their community or those with specific needs by attending the first annual State Employees Combined Appeal (SECA) Fair Day today in Eastern's University Union.

Representatives from six of 10 participating charities will be available from noon to 4 p.m. in the University Ballroom to answer questions. Participants are the Eastern Coles County United Way, Mattoon United Way, Illinois Women's Funding Federation, International Services Agency, Public Interest Fund of Illinois and Veterans Protective League.

The SECA campaign is a once-a-year charity drive which gives state employees an opportunity to make a one-time contribution to charitable organizations through payroll deduction or check donation.

In addition to the agencies represented at the fair, individuals also can contribute to the Black United Fund, Combined Health Appeal of Illinois, Little City Foundation Serving Children and Adults with Mental Retardation, Special Olympics of

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Illinois and United Negro College Fund.

Some of the 10 SECA agencies fund a number of other sub-agencies to which individuals can target their donations if they wish.

Harriet Rose, chairman of Eastern's SECA campaign, said, "SECA gives employees a greater choice of health and human service organizations they can assist. People of all ages in Coles County and in the state, nation and world benefit from the wide range of health and human services provided by the charities participating in this year's campaign."

Eastern hopes to raise \$20,000 during the campaign which runs through Nov. 18.