

Teammates,

One of the things that really makes me proud of our team at DAS is our role in leading teammate engagement initiatives for the whole State. Among the most impactful of those initiatives are the opportunities we give our teammates to give back to their local community, including the annual Campaign Against Hunger to benefit the Food Bank of Lincoln, the annual Charitable Giving Campaign, and in numerous blood drives throughout the State. All of us have chosen a career of service, but through these initiatives we are able to have an even greater impact.

For the eleventh consecutive year, the Nebraska State Charitable Giving Campaign was [recognized as one of the top ten campaigns](#) for the Lincoln and Lancaster County United Way. Last year's campaign raised over \$193,000. We used the money we raised to provide COVID-19 relief in the areas of food insecurity, workplace displacement, educational outcomes, and support for children.

The Campaign Against Hunger has collected over \$25,000 and over 2,700 pounds of food and other needed items. We also had teammates participate in 11 blood drives throughout the State that helped collect [395 pints of blood which has the potential to save over 1,185 lives!](#) And don't forget that the Lincoln Blood Drive with the American Red Cross is happening today in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the 1526 K Street Building.

These are just a few examples of how DAS teammates stepped up to give back to our Nebraska communities. These accomplishments reflect the dedication of our teammates to go above and beyond to serve the people of Nebraska.

Coming up in the Fall we have more exciting engagement programming, including honoring our teammates with the Excellence in State Service Award for their dedicated years of public service as well as the 2021 Excellence in Leadership Awards.

I want to thank all of our teammates who are working hard every day to give back to those in need. Because of you, we have donated over \$7.4 million since 2003 to charitable organizations throughout the State!

I'd also like to thank Stacey Dvorak, our Teammate Recognition and Engagement Manager, and our State Personnel team who are directly responsible for the success of our teammate engagement initiatives. Stacey and the team work hard to provide ample opportunities for our teammates to give back while recognizing those that go above and beyond in their service to the State and our communities.

Regards,

Jason Jackson

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