

Center employees honored for contributions

Staten Island Developmental Center (SIDC) employees last night received special recognition for donating money to community-based charities.

Developmental center workers received six awards from the State Employees Federated Appeal (SEFA), an organization affiliated with the United Way.

SIDC's 2,200 employees donated nearly \$6,000 to SEFA's recent fund-raising campaign — "a thousand-percent increase over last year or the year before," said Fiorello Cicero, an SIDC administrator who served as the facility's fund-raising chairman for the 1983-84 season.

H. Carl McCall, commissioner

of the state Division of Human Rights, presented Cicero with five group awards and a separate award for his individual efforts during the ceremony last night in the Citicorp Building, Manhattan. McCall served as overall state chairman for the 1983-84 campaign.

Cicero, chief of services for

the developmental center, said the increase in donations was due to a high degree of organization among SIDC's campaign coordinators and solicitors. "But more important," he added, "was the state employees' willingness to give back to the community."

Among groups benefiting

from the donations are Staten Island Family Services, Catholic Charities, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and the Boy Scouts of America, he said.

The statewide employees' group collected more than \$140,000 during its campaign, a 78-percent increase over last year's total.

Among organizations employing more than 1,500 people, SIDC was honored for having the highest percentage of its employees participating in the drive, the highest average gift, the highest gift per capita, and the largest monetary contribution. It also received special recognition as an agency.