

State workers raise 40Gs in SEFA drive

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The State Employees Federated Appeal (SEFA) campaign was a success on Staten Island, as almost \$40,000 was raised by state employees, said Fiorello Cicero, local SEFA chairman.

Through SEFA, state employees can make direct pay contributions to various health and human service agencies across the state. Cicero said that Staten Island employees working in state agencies raised \$39,000, or \$13,000 more than last year. The entire city raised \$490,000, well above \$330,000 raised last year.

Cicero singled out Family Court and Criminal Court employees for 100 percent participation in the SEFA program. Heading up efforts in Family Court was Jane Lincoln, and John Vitucci was head of the SEFA campaign in Criminal Court.

The county clerk's office, with Forbes Irvine as SEFA leader, had 98 percent participation.

The office of Assemblywoman Elizabeth Connelly, D-West Brighton, had the highest participation among elected officials. The Staten Island Developmental

Disabilities Service Office raised the most money of any state agency on the Island, as its employees contributed \$8,857. Employees at the Arthur Kill Correctional Facility raised \$8,441.

Program leaders included Cicero, David Alman and John Barbera of the Department of Motor Vehicles, Jerry Colella of the Division of Alcoholism at South Beach, Theodore Niemiec of Arthur Kill Correctional Facility and Jane Schwarz of South Beach Psychiatric Center.

The top individual donor was Supreme Court Justice Thomas R. Sullivan.