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Combined Fund Drive

The UW Combined Fund is a way for UW employees to contribute to their favorite charities through either payroll deduction or by check. The state chair is Gov. Gary Locke, who has set a fund-raising goal of \$5 million. Last CFD season, almost 5,000 UW employees generously gave nearly \$1.4 million.

Employees may choose from 1,900 organizations, including charities that work on environmental issues, food banks, health and human services, education, the arts, and even programs at the UW. Represented are local, national, and international organizations, some of which are “federations” or “umbrella” charities that raise funds for several charities — Earthshare of Washington, for example. The charities receive 105 percent on the dollar donated. This is because the state CFD office releases monies to the charities after the first quarter with interest accrued. Additionally, a pool of donations that are “unspecified” gifts is also released at this time to charities on a pro-rata basis. The fund drive runs through Nov. 21. For more information, see

<http://depts.washington.edu/uwcfid>
or email uwcfid@u.washington.edu.

Print charity guides are free and available in Statistics Department Office. The charity guide is also online. The UW CFD is a way that UW employees like to use to give back to their communities, and each year we demonstrate just how much we care by our excellent level of giving. Our goal this year is to not only raise the level of dollars donated but also to increase the overall rate of participation.

Please give to your charities through the Combined Fund Drive.

Congratulations!

Paul Sampson and his wife, Sandy Sanford, returned from their second trip to Russia this summer on August 17th with newly adopted 9-year old **Alexander (Sasha) Sampson**. They had a great time in Moscow with Paul and Sandy's previous exchange students, Tanya and Oleg. Sasha is enjoying school and learning English fast. And he has enjoyed meeting (almost) all of the growing number of Russians now in the Statistics Department.

Happy Halloween



Statistics Seminars

Seminars are in Gowen 301 at 3:30 pm.

Speaker: Adrian Raftery, Department of Statistics, Sociology and CSSS University of Washington

Title: Probabilistic Weather Forecasting Using Ensembles and Bayesian Model Averaging

Date: Monday, November 3, 2003

Speaker: Elizabeth Brown Department of Biostatistics University of Washington

Title: Approaches to Jointly Modeling Longitudinal and Survival Data

Date: Monday, November 10, 2003

Out-of-Town

Marina Meila	10/26-12/2, MIT
	12/8-13, NIPS Conference
Elizabeth Thompson	11/1-4, IGES Meet, LA
	11/6-8, NISS Meet., NC
	12/14-17, AIC 2003 Conf., Japan