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**UNITED WAYS OF WASHINGTON CELEBRATES
THE EMPLOYEES COMMUNITY FUND OF BOEING
PUGET SOUND FOR REACHING \$500 MILLION IN
CHARITABLE GIVING**

The Employees Community Fund of Boeing Puget Sound will celebrate a significant milestone – one that has significantly improved the lives of countless Washingtonians since 1951 – Boeing’s employees’ and retirees’ charitable contributions now total more than \$500 million.

The United Ways of Washington will commemorate the ECF of Boeing Puget Sound’s longtime strategic contributions and how they have transformed the lives of so many with a celebration and a proclamation from Gov. Christine Gregorie from **9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Tuesday in the Bill & Melinda Gates Conference**

Room at the United Way of King County, located at 720 Second Street.

Media is invited.

Made up of small contributions by employees and retirees, ECF of Boeing Puget Sound is a separate nonprofit supported by The Boeing Company. When combined with all Employees Community Funds throughout The Boeing Company, it is largest employee-owned charitable giving organization in the world.

Boeing employee, Diana Rhea, said she plans to attend the celebration on Tuesday. She has been giving to ECF Boeing Puget Sound since she began working as a clerk-typist in the parts-ordering group at Boeing in 1942.

"A little goes along way and we should do our part in helping the community," Rhea said. "The Employees Community Fund has been one of the reasons I have chosen to continue my career Boeing. I feel that we, as a group, are at the forefront of giving to the community."

The ECF of Boeing Puget Sound has strong partnerships with numerous nonprofits, including the United Ways of Washington. It provides funding to United Ways in 11 local counties because they pro-actively work to resolve core community issues in partnership with a broad range of agencies and organizations.

In recognizing ECF Boeing Puget Sound's achievements, United Ways of Washington Chair and Executive Director of the United Way of Thurston County Pam Toal said countless lives have been positively changed with Boeing employees' and retirees' long-standing support of senior citizens, the physically and mentally challenged, children, the homeless, low-income families and so many others.

"Their many gifts to our community are a true representation of what it means to 'live united,' " Toal said.

ECF Boeing Puget Sound began as a joint effort by management, labor unions and employee organizations as a way for employees to combine their contributions to make a greater difference in their communities. Since then, half a billion dollars has supported the local health and human services organizations that help people in the communities where Boeing's employees live and work.

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