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NCRA Gift for United Way

Each year NCRA has an annual event in order to raise funds and awareness for United Way. This year the total amount raised was \$40,764.

"NCRA has played a phenomenal role in helping us support the community," said Kelly Young, 2009 United Way Campaign Chair. "We really look forward to your continued support."

This year's event featured a "Pumpkin Chunkin' Contest." Five teams made up of NCRA employees each received \$50 from the company to create machines and techniques to see who could throw a 5 lb. pumpkin closest to a target 250 feet away.

"We had more participation than we've ever had before," said Hope VonBorckenhagen, NCRA's Director of Human Resources. "Probably about two thirds more, it was wonderful!"

Earl Hancock of the yellow team said, "With all of the people who came to this year's event, it was really a blast. It's definitely a good activity that we have here at the refinery. Even though our team came in last place we had a lot of fun!"

The first place blue team, "Badd" built a contraption much like a trebuchet from the middle ages which successfully flung the pumpkin straight at its target.

"It hit the line right on the mark," said Mike Adams from the blue team. "In fact as Paul (one of his teammates) put it, we actually bent the line because we hit it so well."

Video clips from the contest were shown on a variety of television and internet outlets including KWCH Channel 12 and *Fox News Across America*.

NCRA is an interregional petroleum cooperative operated by over 640 employees who are passionate about doing quality work and being a good neighbor. NCRA specializes in taking crude oil pumped right out of the ground and making it into gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles such as cars, boats, trucks and tractors.

Caption for Photo-1: NCRA President, Jim Loving (right), recently presented a gift in the amount of \$40,764 to McPherson County United Way Chair and CertainTeed Corp. Plant Manager, Kelly Young. The gift included this year's NCRA employee pledges and company dollar-for-dollar match. Brenda Sales, United Way Director for McPherson County, was also present to receive the donation.

Caption for Photo-2: The Yellow team was one of five teams made up of NCRA employees that attempted to throw a 5 lb. pumpkin closest to a target 250 feet away.

Caption for Photo-3: The Blue team won the Pumpkin Chunkin' contest by using a trebuchet style machine to throw a 5 lb. pumpkin closest to the target some 250 feet away.

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