

Chrysler Employees Help United Way with Food Drive

AUBURN HILLS – This summer, Chrysler Group LLC partnered with United Way for Southeastern Michigan (UWSEM) to join in the fight against childhood hunger and raise awareness for underused summer meal programs throughout Detroit metro area communities.

A variety of employee-supported initiatives, including volunteering at local food pantries, company and community food drives, and community summer food program events, served up more than 100,000 summer meals.

“We couldn’t have achieved such success without combining forces with a company like Chrysler and other Detroit-based organizations,” said Eric Davis, director, Food Initiative, United Way for Southeastern Michigan.

“The fact that we can rally together and utilize our resources to ignite change in such a critical issue like childhood hunger shows the commitment of these organizations to Detroit and its surrounding communities.”

From June to August, thousands of Chrysler Group employees participated in a variety of initiatives throughout metro Detroit aimed at ending childhood hunger, including an on-line pledge to end hunger

by sharing information through social media.

“The response to this challenge has been overwhelming,” said Nancy Rae, senior vice president – Human Resources, Chrysler Group.

“With 1 in 5 children across Michigan struggling to access nutritious food, childhood hunger is an issue that really hits home for the employees working in our plants and offices. It’s truly rewarding to see how their spirit of volunteerism and devotion to the cause has made a difference.”

Through company-wide food drives and door-to-door collections in the Rochester Hills area, Chrysler Group employees collected 16 tons of non-perishable food – enough to prepare 28,000 meals to feed hungry children and families throughout metro Detroit.

The food drives, held in partnership with the United Auto Workers (UAW), benefited local food pantries operated by Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan (Gleaners).

The Chrysler Foundation and Chrysler Group also partnered with Gleaners to fill and distribute 12,000 weekend backpacks with nutritious food (a total of 72,000 meals) for children who have been at risk of hunger and

malnutrition this summer.

The backpacks, filled with sliced peaches, cut green beans, beef ravioli, spaghetti and meatballs, raisin bran cereal and shelf-stable milk – enough food for about six weekend meals – help to bridge the hunger gap during the weekends when summer food service programs are not available.

Some 1,900 children and adults attended summer “Food, Friends and Fun” block parties and were fed a free nutritious lunch.

The block parties, which also

featured music, games and other family-friendly activities, were created to remind parents about the free Summer Meals Program available to children 18 and under.

The UAW, UWSEM and Chrysler Group teamed up to create the events that were held during the month of August at various locations throughout the metro area.

“Truly, we are in a fortunate position – as a company and as individuals – to reach out to our neighbors, especially children, to help provide a degree of stability to their lives,” added Rae.

Most recently, the people of Chrysler provided goodies for kids with the backpack assembly line program.

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Dauch’s father, Richard E. Dauch, AAM co-founder, and most recent chairman and chief executive officer, becomes executive chairman of the Board of Directors.

“Having developed a sound succession plan over the years, AAM is well positioned for the future,” said the elder Dauch. “I look forward to assisting the outstanding leadership team we have assembled to execute our profitable growth plan.”

“As a superb leader for AAM, David has distinguished himself as a globally focused executive who has a passion for advanced technology and operational excellence. David is the right person to lead our team and build value for all of our key stakeholders.”

Thomas K. Walker, the independent lead director of AAM’s Board of Directors, agrees, saying, “As a Board, we place a very high priority on succession planning and the development of management to ensure the company’s continuing success.”

“David C. Dauch is a results-driven leader and has been instrumental in diversifying AAM’s product portfolio and customer base while establishing a global manufacturing, engineering and sourcing footprint.”

Walker added, “We are grateful for the strong leadership Dick

has provided to AAM since its inception in 1994. We are also pleased that he will continue to provide his extraordinary knowledge and expertise to the company. This will be invaluable as we move into the future.”

David Dauch said, “My father’s vision, passion and unparalleled leadership have transformed AAM into the leading global automotive supplier that it is today. I look forward to working with all of AAM’s key stakeholders.”

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