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Susanne R. Young, Secretary

TO: All State Employees
FROM: Susanne R. Young, Secretary of Administration
DATE: September 6, 2018
RE: VtSHARES Campaign Season

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Susanne R. Young", written over the "FROM:" line of the header.

Dear fellow employees:

Formally known as SECCA, the State Employee Charitable Contribution Appeal, VtSHARES offers employees the opportunity to donate to Vermont based charities through payroll deductions.

As we begin our 41st VtSHARES Campaign we should all take great pride in the fact that since its inception, \$9,487,348.39 has been donated to help those in need and improve the quality of life for so many, by supporting a wide variety of worthy charitable services. Certainly, the results of our combined efforts have far exceeded any expectations imagined when this Campaign was established in 1977.

Your help truly does make a difference! Whatever amount you choose to donate, please know that every dollar is significant, and your contributions support the organizations you care about.

In 2017, 984 State employees chose to use the VtSHARES Campaign to make voluntary donations to charities of their choice – all of them local organizations. In 2017, \$247,236.44 was poured into Vermont communities through VtSHARES. If current contributors choose to increase the amount they donate by just a little, or if a few more employees choose to contribute, last year's donations will easily be surpassed. Every gift, no matter how small, makes a difference!

So, if you choose to give, give...the easy way! Through payroll deductions you have the choice of making your donation a one-time contribution or distributed throughout each pay-period. You decide where you want your dollars to go and your donation keeps giving throughout 2019.

Thanks to legislation passed this year, Vermont taxpayers may now deduct five percent of the first \$20,000 in eligible charitable contributions made during the taxable year from their tax liability for that year, regardless of whether they itemize on their federal tax return. Please be sure to keep your confirmation email after donating as your receipt for tax purposes.

This year's Campaign will run from September 17th through October 5th. During that time, I encourage you to visit [VtSHARES](http://vtshares.vermont.gov/) online (<http://vtshares.vermont.gov/>) and pledge any amount your comfortable with to help our fellow Vermonters.

Thank you!