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Energy Northwest employees raise \$30k for March of Dimes

RICHLAND, Wash. – Energy Northwest employees raised more than \$30,000 during this year’s March of Dimes campaign, landing the agency in the Southeastern Washington region’s top contributor spot for company teams.

“We out-raised the competition, and it was a tough competition,” said Brent Ridge, Energy Northwest vice president and Chief Financial Officer. “We’re proud that our employees are part of this business community’s commitment to giving back to the community and to the mission of the March of Dimes,” Ridge said.

“We actually exceeded our goal of \$30,000, which demonstrates the philanthropy and generosity of our employees,” said Mike Kennedy, a safety analysis supervisor for Energy Northwest and the agency’s March of Dimes Chairman.

Approximately 60 walkers from Energy Northwest, along with their spouses, children and pets participated in May’s Tri-Cities March for Babies at John Dam Plaza in Richland. Employees raised funds by soliciting donations for their efforts in the March for Babies, in addition to silent auctions and other employee-sponsored fundraisers.

“So many individuals contributed to this year’s campaign,” said Kennedy. “We had a great year of individual fundraising, and the events we held as a group were very successful.”

Earlier this year, Energy Northwest received the Association of Washington Business’ Community Service Award in the Helping People In Need category. The AWB selection committee said they were impressed with the generosity of EN employees in support of the community’s annual Head Start Holiday Program. Last December agency employees “adopted” more than 400 local children, all of whom received gifts of toys and clothing through 11 community Head Start parties.

About March of Dimes

In local communities across the country, March of Dimes helps moms take charge of their health, and supports families when something goes wrong. The March of Dimes also acts globally: sharing best practices in perinatal health and helping improve birth outcomes where the needs are the most urgent.

About Energy Northwest

Energy Northwest develops, owns and operates a diverse mix of electricity generating resources, including hydro, solar and wind projects - and the Northwest’s only nuclear power plant. These projects provide enough reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible energy to power more than a million Washington homes each year, and that carbon-free electricity is provided at the cost of generation. As a Washington state joint operating agency, Energy Northwest comprises 28 public power member utilities from across the state serving more than 1.5 million ratepayers. The agency continually explores new generation projects to meet its members’ needs. Energy Northwest – www.energy-northwest.com.



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