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As a member of the ASU family, Kay likes being part of an institution comprised of people who are doing all they can to make lives better through education. She enjoys lecture, workshops and topics on topics from primitive cultures to the latest trends in technology. She appreciates the Vacation Bonus Days, the opportunity to take classes and use the fitness facilities, and also enjoys the mountain views that surround our university. She would like to see small class-size remain a priority where interaction and interpersonal response are critical to student success such as in beginning foreign language studies, and lab and studio-oriented classes.

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Staff Council Presidents Letter

August 15, 2006

I’m wearing two different hats today as I write this note: one as your Staff Council president and the other as a member of ASU’s SECC steering committee. You know what Staff Council is, but the same may not be true for the State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC), and I’m on a mission to change that! The SECC is a volunteer driven, fundraising organization established by and for North Carolina state employees 21 years ago, and in that time, it has raised more than $60 million dollars for 900 charities, worldwide. While there are other outstanding facts and figures I could tell you about it, the most important thing I want to say is that THE SECC BELONGS TO YOU AND ME. In fact, ASU’s campaign is called, “Neighbors Helping Neighbors – in the High Country and Beyond.”

And that is exactly what we do.

In 2004 and 2005, through the SECC, ASU employees raised $236,167 for humanitarian, animal welfare, and environmental causes. Amazingly, $154,517 of that stayed in the High Country, designated by you and me to charitable organizations like the Hunger Coalition, O.A.S.I.S., the American Red Cross, Samaritan’s Purse, and the Boy and Girl Scouts of America.

This year, several other local agencies have completed the rigorous application process required to become participating SECC charities. I am excited that Watauga Humane Society, Averysmart Start, Hospice of Avery County, Watauga Education Foundation and Hospitality House will now have the opportunity to benefit from this great team effort.

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