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## **Cellular One to Donate \$6,000 To Local Charities**

Cellular One is continuing its holiday tradition of sponsoring the "You Decide. We Donate." program in which area residents will vote for 12 local charities to receive \$500 donations from the company.

Each of the 12 Cellular One stores will give a \$500 donation to the local not-for-profit organization receiving the most votes at its store.

"Celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, we are pleased to continue this program to help our local organizations that give so much to our communities," said Colleen Wright, Assistant General manager of Cellular One. "As a family-owned and locally-operated company, Cellular One of East Central Illinois focuses on giving back to the communities that support us."

Ballots will be available through Dec. 24 in Cellular One stores located in Casey, Charleston, Danville's Towne Centre and Village Mall, Flora, Hoopston, Lawrenceville, Mattoon, Newton, Olney, Paris and Robinson. One vote is allowed per person per day. Those voting must be at least 18 years of age. No purchase is necessary.

The \$500 winner at each store location must be a qualified charity, which means it is a charitable organization organized or created in the U.S that is a corporation, trust, community chest, fund or foundation (including a private foundation) that is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, scientific or literary purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, and is a registered organization with the Internal Revenue Service under the charitable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

The \$6,000 charity donation through this program is one of several contributions Cellular One will make during the year, Wright said. The company annually presents \$6,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors and supports many other organizations. Other donations include use of phones and service for public school nurses through the ClassLink RN, police assistance, senior citizen services, and others.

Cellular One initiated service in 1991 and is the only wireless company based here and dedicated exclusively to providing wireless communications for the residents of the Clark, Clay, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Jasper, Lawrence, Richland and Vermilion counties.

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