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ILLINOIS STATE COMPTROLLER

# SECA 2024

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Dear Friends,

As the Director and Statutory Chair of the 2024 State and University Employees Combined Appeal (SECA), it is my honor to introduce the theme of this year's campaign: "Do Good, Feel Good." The idea is that it always feels great to help others, and SECA makes that easy!

We are blessed to have an amazing Honorary SECA Chair this year...the iconic Mr. T! He has partnered with our office on other charitable events, and we're excited to have the Chicago native join us for this campaign as well.

Through SECA, we can all do good and feel even better, by donating to causes including cancer research, support for sexual assault survivors, animal shelters, food banks, after school programs and more.

This year, your support is as crucial as ever. You can share your generosity through SECA by financially supporting one or more charities that are important to you. It's as simple as signing up and committing a few dollars to be automatically deducted from your paycheck. One-time gifts are appreciated as well. Many of your agencies and departments will also hold other fun opportunities to contribute such as bake sales, golf outings and chili cook-off contests.

There are more than 1,600 charities to choose from, and through SECA and the power of combined giving, you can answer the call to help those who need it most. Local, state, and national charities could all use your support.

No gift is too small to make a difference. To those of you who have contributed to a SECA drive in the past, thank you. And to those of you who will be participating for the first time in this year's drive, welcome!

Sincerely,

Susana A. Mendoza Illinois State Comptroller

SECA Director and Statutory Chair