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## Softball Teams Play “Hardball” for the United Way

*Nine years of tournament play has raised more than \$115,000 for those in need throughout the greater Aiken-Augusta area*

AIKEN, S.C. – Aug. 1, 2013 – Local softball players from throughout the CSRA will soon be playing “hardball” to support this year’s SRS United Way Softball Tournament to benefit the Savannah River Site’s annual United Way fund-raising campaign.

“The competition is fierce,” said Eric Schiefer, tournament committee member and an engineer for Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS). “The players’ hearts are in the right place, but make no mistake about it, once the tournament starts, it’s about winning.”

Though the tournament is organized and managed by SRNS employees, players from several companies at SRS, and many not associated with work at SRS, help fill the rosters of these talented co-ed teams.

According to Schiefer, this is the ninth consecutive year this special competition has been held for the United Way. “It



*SRNS employee Dean Vanpelt looks for another play after tagging out a runner at home plate during last year’s SRS United Way Softball Tournament which raised over \$22,000 for local United Way agencies.*

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started off with just a few teams from SRS,” said Schiefer. “Last year the proceeds from this one event totaled more than \$22,000.”

This year’s tournament will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 6 and Thursday, Aug. 8, at Boyd Pond Park (formerly the ORA Recreation Site), near Silver Bluff Road in Aiken County.

Prior to the tournament, each team selects a designated United Way agency to sponsor. After the competition, and during the closing ceremony, each team receives a monetary donation for the agency they sponsored. The amount of the donation depends on what place the team finishes. There are no losers. Every team earns money towards their designated charitable organization.

Since the first SRS United Way Softball Tournament, more than \$115,000 has been raised through this annual event to help those in need throughout the Central Savannah River Area.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, is a Fluor led company whose members are Fluor Federal Services, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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