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# SRNS Today

## SRS surplus finds a good home

Excess generators shipped  
to Louisiana to help  
control flooding



### This month

Railroad cars sold • United Way award winners • Virtual science competitions • Heart Walk



# Welcome to the March 2021 edition of SRNS Today

**Stuart MacVean**  
SRNS President and CEO

### On the cover

Two massive generators, prior to shipment to Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, where they will be used to control flooding during the region's legendary storms

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) cares. We care about our community, our environment, our commitment to our customer and to the safety and security of our nation. It's evident in our consistently successful fundraising campaigns for various charities; our innovative accomplishments in environmental cleanup; our partnerships with local colleges and universities; and the way we look for new and better ways to accomplish our nuclear material missions.

SRNS recently assisted in preparing railroad gondola cars for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to sell to an international nuclear services company and shipped two diesel generators to Louisiana to help mitigate flooding in Terrebonne Parish, proving that we are committed to being good stewards of government resources.

H Area personnel found an innovative way to monitor the HB Line control room during night shifts, saving \$1.8 million annually, and Area Cleanup personnel have implemented a cleanup technology to reduce radioactive iodine-129 found in soil and groundwater around the center of Savannah river Site (SRS). SRNS personnel are constantly searching for new and better ways to accomplish our missions.

SRNS continued our legacy of community giving by raising over \$150,700 for the American Heart Association (AHA) Heart Walk campaign. We were also recently recognized by the United Way of the CSRA and the United Way of Aiken County for our successful 2020 United Way Campaign.

SRNS employees believe in and embody our company values. It is true that our main goals are environmental management and the safe and secure execution of nuclear security missions, but, year after year, we prove that we are capable of excelling at these responsibilities while also giving consideration and energy to helping others.

I hope you enjoy this month's edition of SRNS Today.



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## At the end of the line

SRS sells special purpose railroad cars to environmental cleanup company

**D**OE has sold 52 SRS railroad gondola cars for \$350,000 to EnergySolutions, an international nuclear services company based in Salt Lake City, Utah.

"This is a good example of proper stewardship and cost-effective use of government resources identified as surplus," said Clarence Ruff, DOE-Savannah River Traffic Management Specialist. "These gondola cars served an important purpose and have an estimated 20-plus years of service life remaining. Since a need for them no longer exists at SRS, reutilizing them with a company specializing in environmental restoration makes for a practical business solution."

Ruff noted that EnergySolutions has the expertise and resources to safely and properly dispose of the cars upon reaching the end of their useful service life, a significant cost avoidance for DOE.

"During the \$1.6 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) environmental cleanup project at SRS, beginning in 2009 and ending in 2011, transporting contaminated materials such as debris from more than 100 decommission and demolition projects required transporting massive amounts of debris and other contaminated



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materials," said Ruff. "These gondola cars were located at the now closed Fernald DOE site and transferred to SRS for this purpose."

SRNS employee and Contract Technical Monitor Terry Schallick has been with the subcontracted team of workers tasked to ensure the gondola cars meet all Department of Transportation standards and regulations prior to being transported via rail to Utah.

"Though the overall condition of the cars is good, a variety of labelling had to be applied, repairs made and upgrades installed to railcar systems, such as attaching electronic ID tags, new air hoses and ratchet straps to secure the railcar lids," explained Schallick. "The workers have been up to the task, and the SRNS Rail Crew provided outstanding support, as well. This project required multiple railcar movements, during which the crew was always courteous, responsive and professional, ensuring safety was their highest priority."

The last of the newly refurbished cars will soon leave SRS to be transported to the EnergySolutions facility in Clive, Utah to continue their useful role in cleaning up contaminated sites throughout the United States.

"Participating in a partnership of multiple organizations to safely and successfully accomplish such a highly valued project has been rewarding," said Schallick.



The specially constructed boxcars have transported low-level, radioactively contaminated materials for decades, first at a uranium processing plant near Cincinnati, Ohio, and then at the Savannah River Site.



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## HB Line remote monitoring saves \$1.8M annually

SRNS employees in the HB Line and H Canyon facilities have implemented changes in monitoring the recently shutdown HB Line facility, utilizing existing resources and saving approximately \$1.8 million annually.

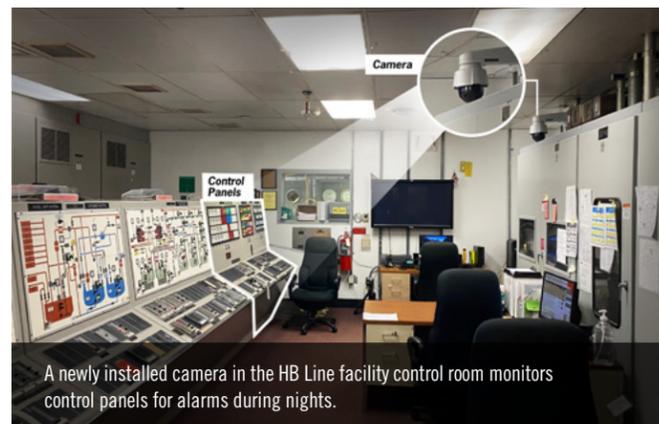
HB Line was placed in safe shutdown status in 2020 at the direction of DOE. Shutdown scope included inventory reductions and system and equipment shutdowns, allowing a reallocation of personnel by approximately 75% from the facility's 2017 high-pace operating posture. However, because the facility layout was directed to be reversible, several safety and habitability systems remain operational and require routine surveillance and maintenance along with minimum staffing to facilitate operation and emergency response.

To maximize cost avoidance, HB Line and H Canyon employees developed a revision to HB Line safety documentation to permit qualified and trained H Canyon shift operations managers and operators to fulfill the HB Line shutdown requirements. The team also evaluated measures allowing the facility to be monitored remotely.

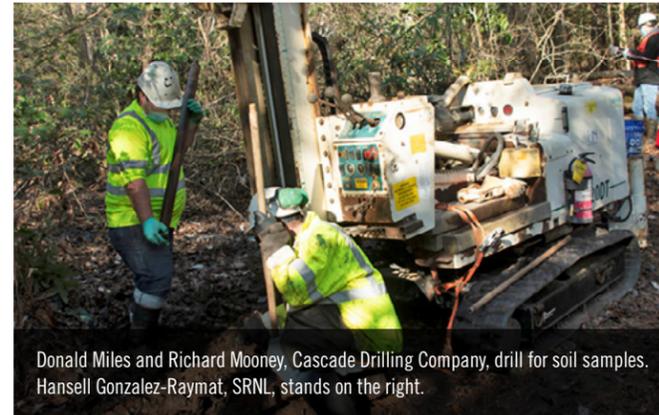
"We recognized early on that we could support the bulk of facility surveillance and maintenance activities with a days-only shift," H Canyon Facility Manager Nick Miller said. "However, we also recognized leaving the facility unattended overnight wasn't an option, given the operating equipment and facility conditions. Our answer was to develop a remote monitoring program using cameras, allowing H Canyon personnel to remotely monitor the HB Line facility at night."

Installing the camera system in the HB Line control room and training H Canyon operators to monitor the camera while performing other duties allowed HB Line to be de-staffed during night shifts, resulting in a reduction of shifts from four to two. Operators in the H Canyon Outside Facilities were also trained to perform rounds in the facility nightly to verify the safety of the facility and respond to any abnormal conditions. This resulted in the reduction of approximately 14 positions in HB Line, saving approximately \$1.8 million annually. The impacted employees were transferred to other areas at SRS.

"The H Area team developed a creative solution and assumed more work responsibilities, all as part of a continuing effort to deliver value to DOE and taxpayers," Miller added. "I'm proud to be part of such a creative and capable team."



A newly installed camera in the HB Line facility control room monitors control panels for alarms during nights.



Donald Miles and Richard Mooney, Cascade Drilling Company, drill for soil samples. Hansell Gonzalez-Raymat, SRNL, stands on the right.

## Protecting SRS wetlands

SRNS has implemented cleanup technology that will reduce radioactive iodine-129 found in soil and groundwater near the center of SRS to levels well below regulatory limits. SRNS engineers are working with Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) scientists to accelerate this project.

Since 2019, the SRS environmental cleanup program has used an innovative process developed by SRNS that uses silver chloride, a conventional industrial product, to immobilize iodine-129.

Extensive studies confirm that where silver chloride was injected beneath a portion of the Site during pilot program field tests, iodine-129 has been reduced by up to 50%.

"The silver can capture and lock into place a high percentage of the iodine nuclides, reducing the amount of contamination in the groundwater," said Jeff Thibault, SRNS Area Cleanup Projects Engineer.

Ultra-fine particles of silver chloride are specially milled to create highly irregular edges, greatly increasing their surface area. The material is mixed with water and injected into the water table 30 to 60 feet below the surface. SRNS has injected 240,000 gallons of water and 165 gallons of silver chloride.

Currently, personnel are researching how to best treat and immobilize the remaining iodine-129 to prevent it from migrating in the form of a "plume" beneath SRS and into nearby wetlands.

Hansell Gonzalez-Raymat, SRNL geochemist, said workers completed shallow drilling for soil samples in the affected wetlands. "The data collected will help determine how the iodine interacts with organic matter and surface water. This research will lead to the development of a strategic treatment plan for approval by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control," he said. "This is part of a larger project within the Site's F Area that is partially funded by DOE-EM Technology Development."

Silver chloride cleanup technology generates no waste, which is one of the most impressive aspects. "We want the entire system to use little or no electrical energy," Thibault said.

"We're looking at the use of silver chloride, along with other technologies, to continue the success we've experienced in protecting our wetlands," said Thibault.

# United Way presents SRNS awards

## Gold Champion in the CSRA

After raising more than \$1.1 million for local agencies during the 2020 United Way campaign, SRNS received special honors from the United Way of the CSRA.

Powering through the COVID-19 pandemic, the SRNS workforce united to raise funds for local United Way agencies during a year that affected everyone.

"Last year was definitely a challenge for everyone," said 2020 United Way Campaign Chair Marion Cofer. "I am continuously amazed by SRNS employees and their unwavering devotion to giving back to our local communities. Without the support from our employees, we would not have been able to make such a huge impact during such an unprecedented year."

At a recent event, United Way of the CSRA presented the following awards:

- Gold Champion Award – Presented to SRNS for raising over \$359,000 for the United Way of the CSRA
- Campaign Champion Award – Presented to 2020 United Way Campaign Chair Marion Cofer and 2020 United Way Campaign Co-Chair Rachael Simon

United Way of the CSRA President and CEO Brittany Burnett stated that she was extremely grateful for the continued support from SRNS. "Last year, because of you, we were able to impact the lives of over 215,000 throughout our 12-county footprint. As the largest supporter to United Way of the CSRA, our community is so grateful for the leadership, commitment and creativity brought forth by the team at SRNS each year. We know that there are both short and long term needs in our region, and with SRNS on our side, we will be able to fill

## Multiple awards from United Way of Aiken County

SRNS was recently honored by the United Way of Aiken County during the annual recognition meeting held on Thursday, March 11.

Defying the odds of the COVID-19 pandemic, SRNS hosted a widely successful 2020 United Way campaign by raising over \$1.1 million for local United Way agencies. The theme for the campaign, "Impacting Lives Now More Than Ever," held true to the legacy of SRNS employees continuing to display unmatched volunteerism through the United Way Campaign each year.

"We faced many challenges this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Marion Cofer, 2020 United Way Campaign Chair. "Thanks to our employees, who hold the value of giving back to the local communities close to their hearts, for stepping up to make sure we met our goal."

"Without our employees who consistently go above and beyond each year, we would not be able to make such a huge impact in our local community," said Rachael Simon, 2020 United Way Campaign Co-Chair.



2020 SRNS United Way Campaign Chair Marion Cofer, United Way of the CSRA President and CEO Brittany Burnett, 2020 United Way Executive Sponsor Norm Powell, Senior Director Resource Development Rina Powell and 2020 United Way Co-Chair Rachael Simon.

some of the gaps to ensure we can lead families forward not only for today, but for next year, and the next generation," said Burnett.

"We are so grateful for the continued support from the employees at SRNS. Giving back to the community is in the DNA of the company, and during a time like this when there is such increased need in our area, we wouldn't be able to have this sort of impact without SRNS," continued Burnett.

The 2020 campaign supported the following agencies surrounding the Savannah River Site: United Way of Aiken County; United Way of the CSRA; United Way of Edgefield County; United Way of McDuffie County; United Way of the Midlands; United Way of Screven County; United Way of South Carolina, including Bamberg, Colleton and Hampton counties; United Way of Anderson County; and United Way of Barnwell County, including Allendale County.

### SRNS and its employees received the following 2020 United Way of Aiken County Campaign Awards:

- Campaign Professional Sponsor – SRNS
- Highest Employee Contribution – SRNS
- Third Highest Corporate Contribution – SRNS
- Highest Overall Campaign (the Aiken Cup) – SRNS
- Campaign Professional – Cynthia Boler-Melton
- Volunteer of the Year – P.K. Hightower
- Young Philanthropist of the Year – Danielle Elliott
- Unsung Hero Medals – Kevin Heath, Eric Schiefer, Robert Gray, Sam Pilgrim, Stephanie Hall and Caroline Reppert

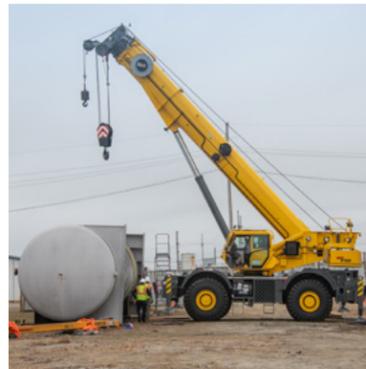


# SRS surplus benefits Louisiana flood zone

*One person's trash, they say, is another's treasure.*

**W**hen Parish President Gordon Dove of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government in Houma, Louisiana, saw a pair of massive diesel generators from SRS on the federal government's list of available surplus property, he knew he had found a treasure. He immediately dispatched members of the Public Works staff to work with their regional State Agency for Surplus Property, which coordinates with the federal property program. "We jumped on it pretty quickly as soon as we found out about it," Carl Ledet, Forced Drainage Superintendent, said of the two complete generator systems.

After it was determined that the generators were no longer required for their original purpose, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and SRNS property management personnel went through a step-by-step process to identify the most beneficial use for the equipment. After confirming that they were not needed for other missions at SRS, or by other Department of Energy sites, they placed the generators and accessories on the list of available surplus federal property.



Terrebonne Parish, located approximately 50 miles southwest of New Orleans, is building a new pump station to mitigate flooding during the region's legendary storm events. The generators will power four 900 horsepower motors that will drive 66-inch pumps to keep them functioning if the power goes off, always a possibility during a storm.

Getting the two generator systems to Louisiana was no small feat, requiring carefully orchestrated operations to load them for shipping. In addition to the two generators, weighing 108,000 pounds each, the equipment includes one 40,000-gallon fuel oil tank for each generator, each tank measuring 40 feet long 13 feet wide and just over 45,000 pounds and each transported via an oversized load tractor trailer. The two systems also included 10 additional tractor trailer loads of all the supporting equipment to make the generators as fully functional as possible upon arrival. Terrebonne Parish was responsible for all transportation costs.

## 2 generator systems

**108,000**  
pounds each generator

**40,000**  
gallon fuel tank each

**40'x13'**  
tank measurements

**+ 10 tractor trailer loads of supporting equipment**



Cranes loaded the generators and tanks onto their trailers, in precise operations overseen by safety observers.

SRNS and South Carolina State University (SC State) are partnering to create a Fire Protection Engineering degree program, which fulfills a workforce need at SRS and provides new career opportunities for university students.

Hiring Fire Protection Engineers (FPEs) at SRS is a challenge because no regional schools offer the degree. An FPE analyzes fire hazards; performs building analyses, inspections, fire code and engineering evaluations; and approves new fire protection system installations and design documents for facility construction.

"We're excited about the discussions taking place with SC State to create an FPE program. Early on, we provided information to the university about the skills students should have upon graduating, and then the university created the curriculum and proposed courses for a degree program," said Eric Johnson, SRNS Fire Protection Engineer Manager.

To offer this program to their students, SC State must receive approval from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

"The College of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Transportation is very delighted for the opportunity to partner with Savannah River Nuclear Solutions to find solutions to problems of mutual interest," said Dr. Stanley Ihekweazu, Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering Technology and Nuclear Engineering Dean.

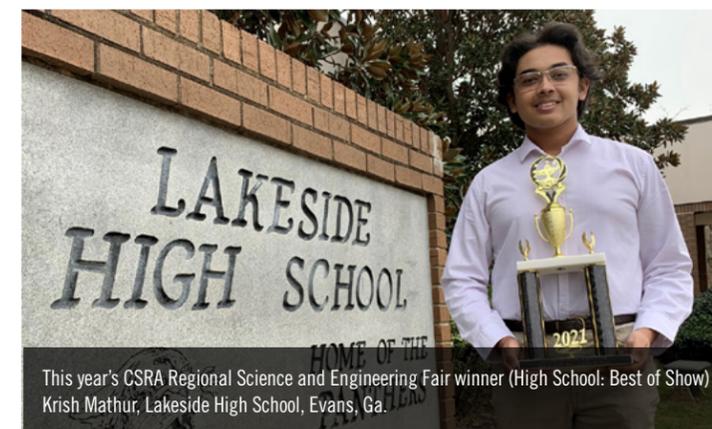
Both SRNS and SC State will benefit from the new program. SC State will utilize the program as a recruiting tool, and SRNS will grow its talent pipeline. In February 2020, SRNS and the university signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU), ensuring support for mutually beneficial programs. The creation of this Fire Protection Engineering program is one tangible result of the MOU.

"We are looking forward to this new program at SC State getting underway," said Rich Zaharek, SRNS Director of Engineering Technical Services. "It is a great example of how our partnership with the university ensures that graduating students who want to work at SRNS have the skills needed to qualify for these specialized positions. The degree program will also benefit companies throughout the state, region and Department of Energy complex as Fire Protection is a critical element for other industries as well."



# Hot topic

SRNS partners with SC State to create a Fire Protection Engineering degree program



This year's CSRA Regional Science and Engineering Fair winner (High School: Best of Show) Krish Mathur, Lakeside High School, Evans, Ga.

## Virtual science fair draws students to STEM

Science-savvy students experienced an additional challenge during this year's CSRA Regional Science and Engineering Fair, competing in a virtual environment through resources provided by event coordinator SRNS.

Students throughout the CSRA submitted electronic project materials and participated in virtual interviews in an attempt to impress the judges.

The CSRA Regional Science and Engineering Fair is an affiliate of the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), a research-based high school competition managed by the Society for Science. These competitions exist in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and more than 75 countries and territories.

Students from counties located within the greater Aiken, South Carolina, and Augusta, Georgia area, competed for this year's "Best in Show" title and a spot at the prestigious ISEF competition.

Projects were judged for scientific reasoning, creative ability, thoroughness, technical skill and clarity. Volunteers from SRS, competition co-sponsor University of South Carolina Aiken, and the community participated as officials and judges.

"The CSRA Regional Science and Engineering Fair gives young people from the area the opportunity to explore the world of science and technology and develop their scientific investigation skills by planning and developing their own 'hands-on' science projects," said Taylor Rice, Science Fair Coordinator and SRNS employee. "Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the challenge typically faced by participating students has increased significantly."

This year's winners within the High School "Best of Show" category are:

- First Place, Krish Mathur – Lakeside High School, Evans, Georgia
- Second Place, Grace Neiswender – Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School, Augusta, Georgia
- Third Place, Elizabeth Lee and Swetha Ananth – Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School, and
- Honorable Mention, Siya Brown – Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School.

"I have participated in the CSRA science fair for a few years now, and I truly believe it has made me a better scientist and a more inquisitive student," said Krish Mathur of Lakeside High School, Evans, Georgia. "I am very glad the CSRA science fair is continuing to bring this community of young scientists together virtually in the midst of the isolation from the COVID-19 pandemic."

## Local teams compete in DOE Regional Science Bowl

Future scientists, engineers and mathematicians tested their knowledge during the annual Department of Energy Savannah River Regional Science Bowl Competition on Feb. 20. The virtual event attracted 18 teams from around SRS.

Lakeside High School, Evans, Georgia, was the winning team and earned the honor to compete in the national competition to be held virtually in May.

Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, Hartsville, South Carolina, came in second, while third place was achieved by Nations Ford, Fort Mill, South Carolina.

"This was our first year conducting this event virtually," said Kim Mitchell, Lead, Education Outreach, SRNS.

"Students usually compete head-to-head, but in a virtual setting, teams compete individually, answering questions within a timed interval to achieve the top score for that round. Changing everything to adapt to a virtual platform was a big challenge, but we were committed to continuing our long tradition of offering this academic competition that is like no other."

Science Bowl questions cover a wide range of disciplines, including biology, chemistry, earth and space science, physics, energy and mathematics.

"The competition provides these students an opportunity to showcase their knowledge. But even more importantly, it allows them to continue their learning," said Crystal McDowell, Life Science Educator at Greenbrier High School in Evans, Georgia. "These students research, read and discover outside of what they are required to learn."

Science Bowl teams consist of three to five students and an educator who serves as an adviser and coach. This year's regional contest involved 86 students from 12 high schools.

"The adrenaline high the students get from competing can be as good as if they were in a varsity game or performing in the school musical, but in a STEM context," said Robert Lascola, a Senior Fellow Scientist with the Savannah River National Laboratory. "It's reinforcing for them to have their preparation rewarded. They also get experience thinking quickly while under pressure and working in a team environment."

SRS is one of only three DOE sites to have participated each year at the regional level since the start of the Science Bowl competition.

DOE created the National Science Bowl (NSB) in 1991 to encourage students to excel in mathematics and science and pursue careers in those fields. Approximately 300,000 students have participated in the NSB throughout its 30-year history.

# SRNS Heart Walk raises over \$150,700



SRNS Heart Walk activities included golf tournament, drop-in event, bicycle ride and more.

Some may have considered it mission impossible, but SRNS made their fundraising goal mission possible with their outstanding efforts during the 2021 AHA Heart Walk Campaign. SRNS shattered their \$120,000 goal by raising over \$150,700.

This year's Heart Walk Campaign ran from Thursday, Jan. 7- Wednesday, March 24. The 2021 Heart Walk Committee and team coaches challenged SRNS employees to get engaged with the campaign and help raise awareness for cardiovascular disease and stroke. Employees worked together to raise monetary donations through various fundraisers and events, using innovative ideas to counteract the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the typical fundraising activities.

Some of these innovative fundraisers included a 5K, 10K and 40-mile walk, run or ride virtual race; an individual fishing tournament where participants sent in photos of their biggest, prettiest, coolest and ugliest fish for a chance to win prizes; a virtual golf tournament; a to-go dinner and Low Country boil pickup dinner fundraiser; and more.

In accordance with COVID-19 guidelines, the AHA hosted the annual CSRA Heart Walk virtually. Participants were encouraged to record their activity by uploading photos to social media with the hashtag "#CSRAHeartWalk." SRNS had 33 teams registered with more than 269 walkers.

"This year's campaign has definitely been a challenge due to COVID-19 impacts, but our employees are creative and hard-working," said Lindsay Robinson, 2021 SRNS Heart Walk Campaign Chair. "I am so pleased to see our caring SRNS community continue to support the AHA each year."

"For the first year ever, SRNS is the number one contributing company out of the 59 in the CSRA," continued Robinson. "We would not have been able to do this without our employees and our committee members, who include Executive Team Sponsor Janice Lawson,

Vice Chair Candice Gordon, Director of Treasury Dennis Nicholas, Mission and Wellness Lead Torrey Davis, Communications and Event Lead Chelsea McKinney, Web Support David Ferguson, Legal/Ethics Contact Jackson Cooper and Executive Challenge/Red Shoe Crew Chairman Josh Montgomery."

CSRA AHA Director of Development Kim Enoch was amazed by the efforts put in by SRNS employees. "The support and fabulous campaign run by SRNS is both very exciting and humbling at the same time. As a Development Director, it has been very exciting to witness the positive energy that Lindsay Robinson put into leading her Heart Walk committee and the employees at SRNS," said Enoch. "To reach the best year ever in 2020 and then beat that in a year that no one thought would see any success, speaks to her leadership and passion for the event. It is so very humbling because so many people put in a lot of time, energy and resources to make this year's campaign such a huge success."

Also, during this year's campaign, SRNS Site Services Work Window Manager Josh Montgomery led the CSRA City-Wide Executive Challenge, which is a hand-selected group of individuals who are asked to raise at least \$2,000. Montgomery took that challenge and

ran with it, recruiting over 50 individuals (30 of whom were SRNS employees) who collectively raised over \$109,000, beating last year's record of \$63,000.

"The campaign would not have been possible without all of the SRNS employees coming together to support the American Heart Association," said Robinson. "Thank you to the team coaches, walkers and participants who supported the virtual Heart Walk, employee fundraisers and campaign events. It's because of your support that we were able to make this year's campaign one for the books."

The AHA is a non-profit organization in the United States that funds cardiovascular medical research, educates consumers on healthy living and fosters appropriate cardiac care in an effort to reduce disability and deaths caused by cardiovascular disease and stroke.



Heart Walk events sometimes included awards, such as these Golf Fore Heart trophies.



**Janice Lawson**

**AT SRNS:** Deputy Vice President for Environmental Management Operations, SRNS Heart Walk Campaign Management Sponsor

**IN THE COMMUNITY:** Heart Walk Executive Leadership Team member, Children's Place Board of Directors

## THE PEOPLE OF SRNS

Janice Lawson, Deputy VP for Environmental Management Operations and Heart Walk Executive Leadership Team member, has volunteered with the American Heart Association (AHA) for more than 20 years.

Lawson is the management sponsor for the SRNS Heart Walk Campaign, which surpassed its 2021 fundraising goal of \$120,000. "Participating on the CSRA Heart Walk Leadership team has allowed me to work with many others on-site to provide support, leadership and guidance," she said.

At SRS, her responsibilities include safe, disciplined operation of six nuclear processing facilities. Janice has served as dual facility manager for the Spent Fuel Program and K Area Complex and in diverse assignments including processing and environmental laboratories and regulatory training. Lawson has been married for 35 years and has two adult children. The important work of AHA has made an impact on her at home and work. "I personally know people that have benefitted from the research that AHA supports and provides," she said.

"Most people don't realize that the AHA is more than providing funding for research or teaching CPR. They have also started programs to help ensure children and adults can learn about eating healthy."

Lawson's care and dedication expand to many other local non-profits. She serves on the Children's Place Board of Directors and supports fundraisers including Celebrity Waiter Night and Child Advocacy Center's Boot Scootin' for Kids.

## COVID-19 vaccinations now available

After more than a year of concerted effort to control the spread of COVID-19, Site Medical received the first delivery of vaccines on March 25 and began administering doses to employees working on-site.

During the early days of the pandemic, SRS applied for and received approval from South Carolina to be a closed point of distribution for COVID-19 vaccinations once they were released to the public. Recently, the Site was activated to distribute COVID-19 vaccinations to employees working on-site.

In a well-coordinated effort between off-site transporters, SRNS Procurement, Site Medical and the Infectious Disease Response Team (IDRT), an initial 1,700 Pfizer vaccines were transported to an ultra-low temperature freezer. In less than 24-hours, the IDRT had activated the SRS tiered distribution plan and began contacting employees to receive their first dose.

The current quantities of the vaccine will allow 1,700 on-site workers to be vaccinated, with an additional 1,700 vaccines to be provided in three weeks for the second dose required for full inoculation.

The Site continues to provide information to SRS employees regarding the availability of the COVID-19 vaccines in the community and recently partnered with South Carolina Rural Health, LLC to provide vaccines to



SRS employees roll up their sleeves to receive their first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine on March 25 at the 766-H Training Facility.

SRS employees and their spouses who were 65 or older at events that were held in the A Area parking lot on Feb. 20 and March 20.

Employees currently working on-site who want to receive a COVID-19 vaccine are encouraged to contact their organization's COVID-19 Vaccination Point of Contact to be scheduled for an appointment.

SRS leadership and the IDRT continue the hard work to #StopCOVID by monitoring current conditions, providing up-to-date information and, ultimately, protecting the SRS workforce and the surrounding communities through sitewide controls, resources and, now, vaccinations.

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