



Workers at Freelin-Wade raise \$13,000

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Employees of McMinnville's Freelin-Wade plant presented a \$13,000 check to the Give a Little Foundation Thursday, the fruits of a year's worth of fundraising.

The check was accepted by foundation president Ellen Summerfield, who expressed her profound gratitude.

Each year, the company's McMinnville workforce, which has dubbed itself the Freelin-Wade Force, hosts a variety of fundraising events for a local charity of choice. This year, the crew held monthly lunches, along with a Civil War Chili Cook-Off, a middle school

dance, three silent auctions and a Hot Wheels tournament.

The group raised \$11,000 in 2008 and \$10,000 in 2009.

Both years, Relay for Life was the designated beneficiary.

"Last December, when we kicked the year off, we said our goals were to raise money and raise awareness for Give a Little," said Matt Schaffner, who chaired the

campaign. And he said, "I think we achieved both."

Schaffner challenged other local employers to mount like efforts. "Nothing should

stop you from doing something great for the community," he said.

Summerfield expressed her appreciation for the foundation's partnership with Freelin-Wade, saying it easily exceeded her

expectations. She said the contribution would have a big impact in the community.

Freelin-Wade, a subsidiary of Coilhose Pneumatics, is North America's largest independent manufacturer of plastic hose and tubing for industrial applications. The local operation, which employs 100, got its start in 1980.

Give a Little provides emergency grants to Yamhill County families facing financial crises. Awards average about \$250.

For more information, visit www.freelin-wade.com or www.givealittlefoundation.org.



Schaffner



Summerfield