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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### SRNS Employees Volunteer for Project VISION

**AIKEN, S.C.**(March 31, 2022) – Since 2008, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) employees have donated their time to give back to the local communities by volunteering for Project VISION, which benefits partner agencies of the United Way of Aiken County.

The SRNS Days of Caring (Project VISION, SERVE and CARE) promotes the spirit and value of unmatched employee volunteerism, increases the awareness of local human service agencies and demonstrates what people working together for the community's well-being can accomplish in a day.

With over 130 SRNS employees volunteering, each United Way of Aiken County partner agency was able to get the help they needed. The eight partner agencies that received assistance this year included: American Red Cross, Area Churches Together Serving (ACTS), Salvation Army Shelter, Tri-Development Center, Mental Health America Nurture Home, Child Advocacy Center, Helping Hands and Golden Harvest Food Bank. In addition to these agencies, volunteers worked on two community home projects.

SRNS Principal Health Physicist and Project VISION Coordinator Joey Smiley is constantly blown away by the support from SRNS employees each year during this event. "For me, it is a way we give something back and also have an impact on our community," said Smiley. "Our employees give their time and energy for a cause that they truly care about, and these employees think about others before they think about themselves. They understand that one act of kindness can change the world, which makes them special."

Team projects that were accomplished this year included: repainting interior and exterior walls, various landscaping projects, pressure washing exterior areas and sidewalks, assembling picnic tables, putting up fencing, building a wheelchair ramp, installing home underpinning, building a backdoor staircase, and sorting and organizing food donations.

United Way of Aiken County President Sharon Rodgers is continuously humbled by the support and selflessness of SRNS



*SRNS employees recently volunteered for the 2022 Project VISION.*

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*SRNS Volunteers work together to freshen up some landscaping during this year's Project VISION.*

employees. "Over 200 SRNS and other SRS volunteers fanned out across Aiken County to 19 sites, including partner agencies and Project VISION, clients that needed repairs. The impact was immense as safety lights were installed, grounds were cleaned, painting was freshened and ramps were built," said Rodgers.

"Our gratitude to SRNS and employee volunteers is hard to convey as words are inadequate to describe the feeling we experienced as we toured the sites and saw the work being done firsthand," she continued. "Thank you, SRNS, for sponsoring this annual event, and thank you to the hundreds of SRS employees who volunteered to work."

Established in 1996, Project VISION helps United Way of Aiken County partner agencies with facility maintenance. Many of these agencies operate on limited budgets, and the challenge of contending with day-to-day costs was more difficult this past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

By 1999, Project VISION had gathered so much support from Savannah River Site employees that volunteers outnumbered the agencies needing assistance. As a result, the program expanded to include basic home repairs, which significantly improved the living conditions of those in need.

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