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## **Department of Energy Pie Throwing Helps Paducah Charities**

**PADUCAH, KY** – Four faces full of whipped-cream pies helped reap \$1,221 for three Paducah charitable organizations as part of the U.S. Department of Energy’s Feds Feed Families campaign.

The money, raised by pie-throwing teams and through donations from Department and contractor employees, will go to buy food for Martha’s Vineyard, Family Service Society, and St. Vincent de Paul Society. The workers also donated more than 100 pounds of food.

“It’s wonderful,” said Martha Bell, founder of Martha’s Vineyard. “It takes a big load off our shoulders.”

Bell’s and other area benevolent organizations have been barraged with requests for help because of the economy and natural disasters. Heavy spring flooding in the Paducah area preceded a summer tornado that wracked Joplin, Mo. Martha’s Vineyard sent a truckload of supplies recently to Joplin.

This summer, Family Service Society fed many underprivileged children who depend on free lunches during the school year, said Pam Truitt, executive director. “Our supply was really running low, and this will allow us to restock.”

Bell, Truitt, and Martha’s Vineyard volunteer Russell Hobbs attended the pie throwing Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Department’s Paducah Site Office. Teams repeatedly slammed pies into the faces of Site Lead Reinhard Knerr and Project Manager Dave Dollins.

Then the teams good-naturedly attacked Mark Duff, LATA Environmental Services of Kentucky project manager, and Scott Smith, Swift & Staley program manager. LATA Kentucky and Swift & Staley are the Department’s environmental remediation and infrastructure contractors, respectively, at the Paducah Site.

“It’s for a very good cause. I appreciate everyone pitching in and being good sports,” Knerr said. “Next year, we want to get more people involved to really reach out.”

The third annual Feds Feed Families ([www.fedsfeedfamilies.gov](http://www.fedsfeedfamilies.gov)) campaign helps local food banks replenish supplies during summer. In partnership with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and other federal agencies, the Department is participating in the nationwide effort to raise 2 million pounds of nonperishable food items for food banks nationwide.

OPM has set the Department’s goal at 132,000 pounds of nonperishable goods for this summer’s campaign, concluding Aug. 31. Last year, the Department exceeded its goal of 38,485 pounds of nonperishable goods by 300 percent with 120,014 pounds donated.

## Cutlines

**Photo 1:** Martha's Vineyard founder Martha Bell gives Paducah Department of Energy Site Lead Reinhard Knerr a kiss on the cheek as Family Service Society Executive Director Pam Truitt watches. Knerr and three others took pies in the face to raise \$1,200 to buy food for Martha's Vineyard, Family Service Society, and St. Vincent de Paul Society.



**Photo 2:** Myrna Redfield of LATA Environmental Services of Kentucky hits the Department of Energy's Dave Dollins in the face with a pie.

