

Governing Board Memo: ALS Association Presentation

A significant contribution to the ALS Association commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease, will be recognized today because of the collaborative efforts of the 2010 Leader Within team and the SFWMD Employee Committee. The 2010 Leader Within Team, Team Orion, is a diverse group of 17 members from the SFWMD, DEP, and USACE. Together, they coordinated and implemented fundraising opportunities through the sale of baked goods, ALS bracelets, homemade lunches and raffle tickets. Additionally, the Employee Committee held their yearly "*Chili Cook-off*" where employees submitted their best homemade chili for a contest that attracted over 200 attendees whose admission revenues went directly to the fundraising efforts along with the proceeds from raffle ticket sales, for a total of \$1,377.

With 100% of the proceeds going to the ALS Association, the 2010 Leader Within team and the Employee Committee were able to raise over \$5000 in 6 weeks! Dorothy Bradshaw, Deputy Department Director of Procurement and the Chair of Palm Beach "Walk to Defeat ALS", along with Angela Simpson and Jeffrey Cartwright, who represent both the 2010 Leader Within team as well as the Employee Committee, are here to present ALS Regional Director Donna Valin Ghioto with a check for the cash donations in the amount of \$4200!

Once again this effort is indicative of District staff working together and making a difference.