

## Altec's generosity honored at Good Neighbor luncheon

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Altec Plant Manager Grant Niebuhr, left, and campaign director Emily Smith, right, hold an oversized check symbolic of the plant's \$235,000 commitment to United Way of Central Kentucky. Megan Stith, center, accepted on behalf of United Way at the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce luncheon Wednesday.

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To cap Wednesday's Good Neighbor Day luncheon, United Way of Central Kentucky recognized Altec as a great neighbor.

The manufacturer has eclipsed previous records with a plant fundraising campaign that yielded \$235,000 this year.

Grant Niebuhr, plant manager of Altec, said the company has been “blessed” to be part of Elizabethtown and Hardin County for 20 years.

“It’s just simply the right thing to do,” he said. “Part of our job as business leaders, as local employers in the community, is to give back. It’s not only our job but it’s our duty to do so.”

Niebuhr, who serves on the United Way board of directors, also said the sense of accomplishment associated with giving to help others in the community created a positive spirit throughout the plant.

Megan Stith, president and CEO of United Way of Central Kentucky, said strategic corporate partnerships are the centerpiece of success for the five-county organization.

After Altec exceeded \$100,000 in contributions in 2017, the company set out to double that amount and its associates surpassed that objective, Niebuhr said.

Emily Smith, who directed the Altec campaign, accompanied Niebuhr on stage for the announcement, which closed the monthly Hardin County Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Pritchard Community Center. March’s annual Good Neighbor Day featured approximately 60 booths from businesses, schools, utilities and other community groups.