



## News Release

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### **Minntac and Keetac Gate Collections Raise Money for Area Nonprofits**

*Money will be given to the Salvation Army and other area food shelves*

**Mountain Iron/Keewatin, Minn.** – Today the Iron Ore Alliance announced United States Steel Corporation’s Minnesota Ore Operations and United Steelworkers’ contributions of \$6,467 to area nonprofits through the annual holiday gate collections. At the gate collections, money is gathered from employees at Minnesota Ore’s Minntac and Keetac facilities as they enter their respective workplaces. Donations collected at Minntac were given to the Hibbing and Quad Cities Food Shelves and the Salvation Army Food Shelf in Hibbing. Keetac collections were donated to the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Shelf in Nashwauk. Gate collections for area nonprofits are held at the two facilities several times each year. The Iron Ore Alliance is a joint initiative of U. S. Steel and the United Steelworkers.

“It is gratifying to see so many of our members give money to help those in need in our communities,” said Dan Pierce, president of United Steelworkers Local 2660, which represents Keetac steelworkers. “Employee participation is always extraordinary at our gate collections.”

At Thursday’s gate collection, \$5,347 was collected at Minntac and \$1,120 was collected at Keetac. United States Steel and the United Steelworkers support many of the programs that are vital to northeastern Minnesota. Last year, for example, the groups contributed nearly \$400,000 to organizations and causes in Minnesota.

#### **About Iron Ore Alliance**

The Iron Ore Alliance is a joint initiative of United States Steel Corporation and the United Steelworkers to help educate Minnesotans about the importance of U. S. Steel’s iron ore business.

U. S. Steel’s Minnesota Ore Operations, with its Minntac and Keetac facilities located in northeastern Minnesota, is the state’s largest iron ore producer, and is a critical part of U. S. Steel’s raw material supply chain. Minntac, located in Mountain Iron, is the single largest iron ore pelletizing operation in North America. For more information, please visit [ironorealliance.com](http://ironorealliance.com).

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