

Wrapping up the 2013 Campaign



Now that's Service



We often hear on the news of a retiring official being thanked for their public service. In my experience, true public servants exist on multiple levels, and many will never be thanked for their service. As I look back on my time as Campaign Chair for the Combined Federal Campaign, my definition of public service has been enhanced. I have been grateful to meet so many people dedicated to different causes and groups focused on solving problems from the global to the neighborhood level. I have been blessed to work with agency key workers that helped us reach our fundraising goal, even in uncertain times. And let us not forget the many agency directors who have helped our campaign be as successful as ever. Looking back on the last year, I want to thank you all for your service, in its many different forms, for helping make the Lincoln and Lancaster County Area CFC a successful drive, and wish you all the best going forward.

Nancy Johner
State Director and Deputy Chief of Staff
United States Senator Mike Johanns
2013 Campaign Chair
Lincoln and Lancaster County Combined Federal Campaign

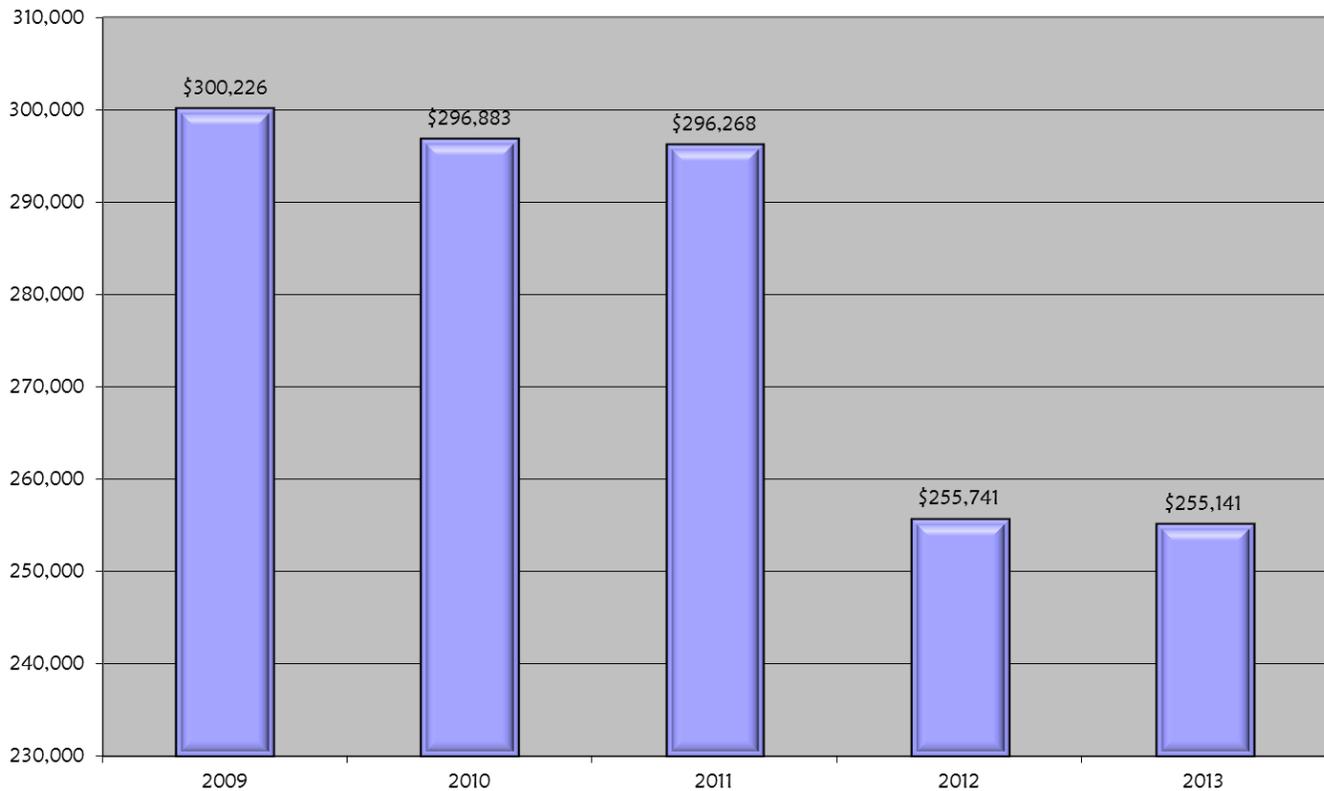
2013 CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS

Federal employees throughout Lincoln and Lancaster County were extremely generous with their contributions during the 2013 campaign for a total of:

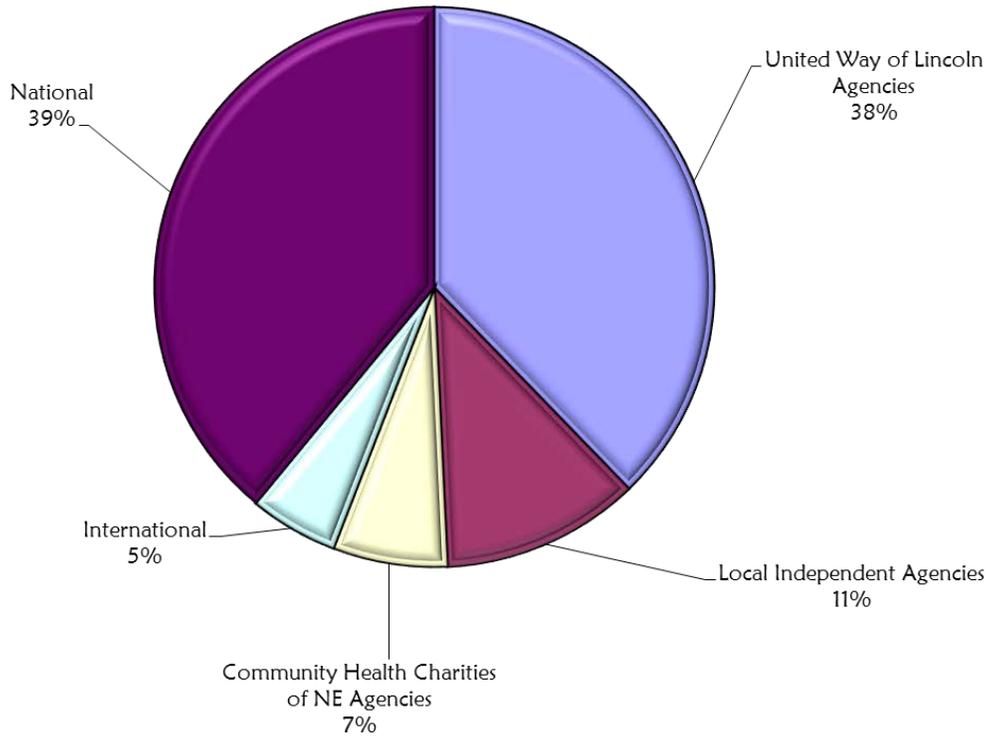
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- 747 contributors
- 19.49% participation among all Lincoln and Lancaster County Federal employees
- 30 Federal agencies participated
- average gift of \$341.55
- 8.67% administrative expenses

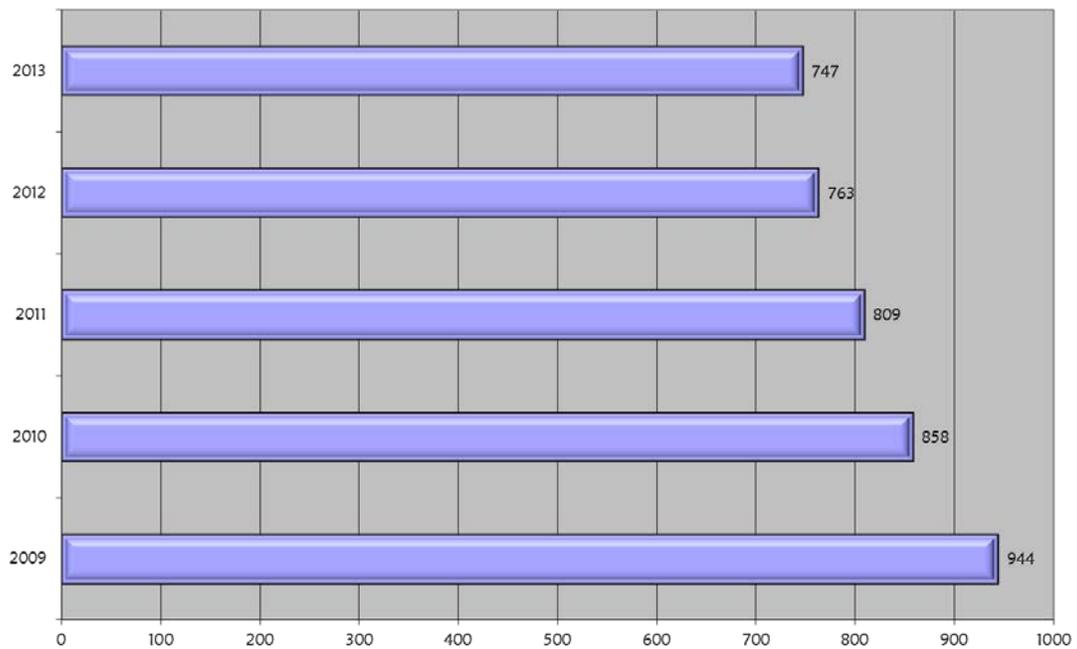
Lincoln and Lancaster County Area CFC 5-Year Campaign Comparison



Distribution of funds during the 2013 Campaign



Participation in the campaign over the last 5 years



2013 CAMPAIGN FINALE

The 2013 Campaign Finale was held at the VA Auditorium on January 31, 2014. Thanks to everyone who attended. We enjoyed celebrating the campaign's success with you!

Representatives from Federal agencies and non-profits gather for the campaign finale. Attendees enjoyed cookies and coffee provided by LFCC members.



Campaign Chair Nancy Johner and LFCC Chair Gena Hegemann pose together after a successful finale.

Many thanks to the 2013 campaign committee!

Nancy Johner (Campaign Chair), Gena Hegemann (*Chair, NE Army National Guard*), Linda Kruger (*Vice Chair, NRCS-NSSC*), Mary Ann Thompson (*Secretary, VA*), Erin Dempsey (*National Park Service*), Karin Roberts (*National Park Service*), Maxine Moul (*USDA Rural Development*), Rachael Hoagland (*U.S. Geological Survey*), Lupe Hickey (*USCIS*), Doug Gahn (*USDA-NRCS*), Jeana Rose (*Veterans Administration*), Cory Allan (*Social Security Administration*), Diana Cada (*Social Security Administration*), Howard Schwartz (*Federal Highway Administration*), Roger Lempke (*Office of Senator Johanns*), Jerry Woodard (*U.S. Postal Service*), Jinny Herman (*U.S. Air Force*), Cindy Jones (*Nebraska Army National Guard*), Lori Meyers (*PCFO, United Way*)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OUTSTANDING AGENCIES

While everyone is to be commended for an amazing and remarkable campaign, a few of our agencies deserve some special recognition for their outstanding participation during the 2013 campaign!

The following agencies were presented with special awards at the Campaign Finale in January.

Largest Dollar Increase

1st Place: USCIS Nebraska Service Center

2nd Place: VA Regional Offices

Largest Percentage Increase in Dollar Donation

1st Place: Air Force ROTC

2nd Place: Federal Highway Administration

Largest Percentage Increase in Participation (1-20 employees)

1st Place: Air Force ROTC

2nd Place: Federal Highway
Administration

Largest Percentage Increase in Participation (21+ employees)

1st Place: VA Regional Offices

2nd Place: Nebraska Air National Guard

Our campaign benefits from the wonderful support of agency management as well as from the many employees who volunteer to be campaign keyworkers. Their efforts to inspire and motivate federal employees to give are much appreciated!

In addition to the agencies highlighted above, many other area agencies had significant increases in number of contributors, amount pledged, and percentage of increase over the previous year. You all deserve a huge THANK YOU for your participation and support for the 2013 campaign!! You all helped make our campaign a huge success!!

Thank you for participating in “iCare!” Know that your contributions are already making a difference!

CFC PLACES 7th AMONG COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN GIVING TO NON-PROFITS



Congratulations to everyone who participated in the 2013 CFC! Your commitment to charitable giving helped make our local CFC one of the top 10 organizations (#7 overall) in the community for contributions to non-profits during the campaign. Below is the break down for the top 10 contributors. 2013 Campaign Chair Nancy Johner accepted the award on behalf of the CFC.

1. State of Nebraska (\$567,808)
2. Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (\$479,433)
3. University of Nebraska-Lincoln (\$419,299)
4. Nelnet (\$343,217)
5. Union Bank and Trust Company (\$331,724)
6. Allied Insurance (\$306,462)
7. Federal Government -- CFC (\$255,141)
8. Zoetis (\$183,692)
9. Assurity Life Insurance Company (\$174,094)
10. City of Lincoln (\$167,105)

INTRODUCING OUR 2014 CAMPAIGN CHAIR

The CFC allows Federal employees to be generous to those in need, both here at home and around the world. It reminds us how fortunate we are to be servants of the American public in our capacity as Federal employees.



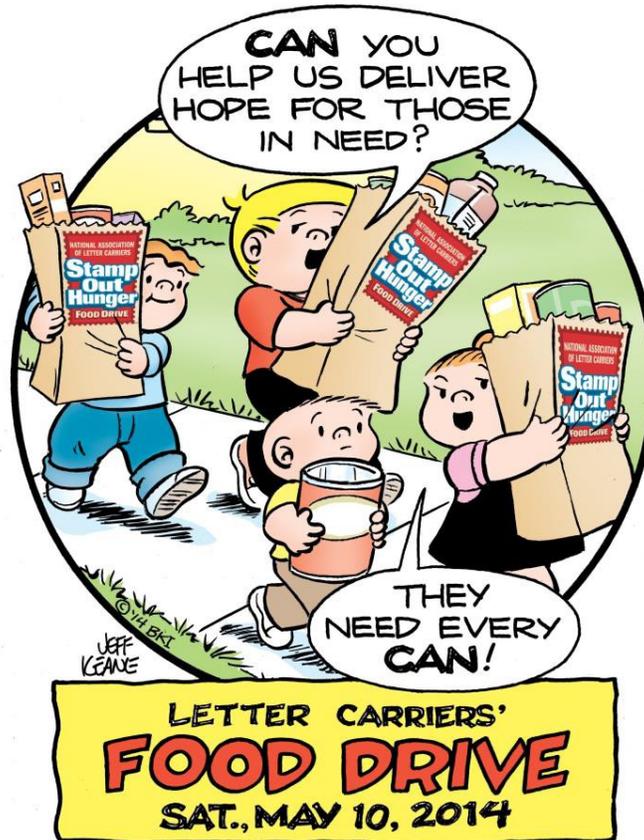
My name is Kerry Kowalski and I am excited to be the 2014 Combined Federal Campaign Chair! I have been the Lincoln Postmaster for the past 7 years and have worked for the United States Postal Service for the past 23 years. I am very grateful to be a Federal Employee and am proud to say I work for the US Postal Service. As public servants to our Federal Government, we all have a great deal to be proud of and to be thankful for.

The annual Combined Federal Campaign gives us all an opportunity to “give back” to those in our communities, state, country and world that need our financial support. Without our support the many organizations that work daily to make a change in people’s lives would not be able to do the great work they do. The Federal Employees of Lincoln and Lancaster County have been incredibly generous over the years and I look forward to working with the Local Federal Coordinating Committee and with each of your agencies to make the 2014 Campaign another success story. I hope to meet many of you along the way and ask for your continued support.



Kerry J. Kowalski
Postmaster
United States Postal Service
2014 Campaign Chair
Lincoln and Lancaster County Area Combined Federal Campaign

Volunteer for the Mail Carrier's Food Drive!



Food banks are seeing an unprecedented crisis as requests continue rising beyond what many can support. On Saturday, May 10th, the U.S. Postal Service and the National Letter Carriers Association will host the 22nd *Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive*.

The *Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive* is the largest one-day food drive in the nation. Last year, 74.4 million pounds of non-perishable food items were collected. Lincoln and surrounding counties collected 107,504 pounds!

PLEASE take a few hours to volunteer on Saturday, May 10th. You will remove bags of non-perishable food items from a mail carrier's vehicle and will be placing them into boxed pallets. Please sign up for this important Community Service project, endorsed by the Lincoln and Lancaster County Area Combined Federal Campaign and Local Federal Coordinating Committee.

Deadline to sign up is Tuesday, May 6th!

2014 Dates to Remember

- September 18, 2014 – *Campaign Kickoff and Keyworker Training*
- September 22 – November 3, 2014 – *Combined Federal Campaign Official Solicitation Period*
- October 7, 2014 – *Non-profit Awareness Fairs at USPS and VA Regional Offices*
- October 8, 2014 – *Non-profit Awareness Fair at Denney Federal Building*
- October 9, 2014 – *Charity Awareness Fairs at USCIS*
- October 16, 2014 – *Charity Awareness Fair at Nebraska National Guard*

Your 2014 Campaign Officers

2014 Lincoln/Lancaster Campaign Chair:

Kerry Kowalski, U.S. Postal Service

2014 Local Coordinating Committee (LFCC) (As of 4/30/2014):

Erin Dempsey, *Chair, National Park Service*

Tonja Buchholz, *Vice Chair, Nebraska Air National Guard*

Mary Ann Thompson, *Secretary, Veterans Administration*

Lynn Heng, *USDA Rural Development*

Lupe Hickey, *USCIS NCS*

Rachael Hoagland, *U.S. Geological Survey*

Linda Kruger, *NRCS-NSSC*

Cindy Jones, *Nebraska Air National Guard*

Roger Lempke, *Senator Fischer's Office*

Lori Meyers, *PCFO, United Way*

Christy Murray, *USCIS NVOC*

Betty Raymond, *USDA OCIO-ITS*

Jeana Rose, *VA Regional Office*

Jerry Woodard, *U.S. Postal Service*

GET INVOLVED AND BUILD YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Are you interested in building your leadership and management skills? Do you enjoy giving back to your community? Do you have great ideas about how to make our local campaign better? If so, **we need you** to help plan and run the annual Combined Federal Campaign in our area! Every federal agency in Lincoln and/or Lancaster County is invited to send a representative to the monthly Local Federal Coordinating Committee (LFCC) meetings that plan our annual campaign. The group meets at 8:00 am, the third Tuesday of the month at the United Way offices, 238 S. 13th St., Lincoln. All are welcome! Upcoming meetings are on May 22nd, June 17th, July 15th, August 19th, and September 16th.

CHECK OUT OUR LOCAL CFC WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE

The Lincoln and Lancaster County Area CFC Website (<http://www.cfclincoln.org/>) contains campaign summary information and many success stories from those who have been helped by your CFC contributions. Please share these stories with your coworkers to let them know about the good work their CFC donations accomplish! And now we're also on Facebook at (<http://www.facebook.com/cfclincoln>)!

Be sure to check the website and Facebook page regularly for new information about the 2014 campaign. Please contact our CFC webmaster Allan Weber at allan_weber@nps.gov with questions or comments.

This newsletter is designed to share information about the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) with Federal employees in Lincoln and Lancaster County and is written by Federal employees serving on your Local Federal Coordinating Committee. We would love to hear what you think about your Combined Federal Campaign. We are especially interested in hearing from those of you whose lives may have been directly affected by the generosity of Federal employees contributing through CFC. Please let us know if you have a story to share! Comments and suggestions for the newsletter may be e-mailed to the newsletter coordinator at erin_dempsey@nps.gov.

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