



CFC Times

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Lincoln/Lancaster County Combined Federal Campaign Newsletter

WELCOME!

Welcome to the first issue of CFC Times! 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 CFC 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 emailed to the newsletter coordinator at karin_roberts@nps.gov.

A STATEMENT FROM DOUG EMERY - OUR 2005 CAMPAIGN CHAIR

Hi. My name is Doug Emery and I am the Postmaster of Lincoln, Nebraska. I am also very proud to be the Campaign Chairman for the 2005 Combined Federal Campaign. As a 33-year government employee, I have seen my share of campaigns come and go and I have always taken part. I know the key to success is the key workers and support from organization heads. It is my hope that we can work together to make the 2005 campaign the best one yet.

WHAT IS THE CFC?

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace giving campaign. The CFC can trace its roots to Executive Order 10927, signed by President John F. Kennedy in 1961, giving formal authority to permit fundraising in the Federal workplace. The CFC's mission is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing Federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

WHO RUNS THE CAMPAIGN?

Our local Combined Federal Campaign in Lincoln and Lancaster County is managed by a Local Federal Coordinating Committee (LFCC) consisting of local Federal employees, usually a representative of each Federal agency with a presence in Lancaster County. The LFCC is responsible for planning our local campaign, approving the campaign budget, reviewing local charity applications for inclusion in the campaign, approving campaign materials, and conducting an annual compliance audit. The LFCC is also responsible for choosing a Principal Combined Fund Organization (PCFO) to handle the logistics of the local campaign and ensuring that the appropriate charities receive their funds from the campaign.

Every year, the LFCC and the PCFO train Key Workers to manage the campaign in your agency. Most Federal agencies have one or more Key Workers who distribute CFC information to employees in their agency, collect pledge forms, and coordinate with the LFCC and PCFO.

For more information about CFC, check out the Office of Personnel Management's CFC website at: <http://www.opm.gov/cfc/>

WHY IS THE CFC POPULAR WITH FEDERAL EMPLOYEES?

Three simple "Cs" help explain charitable giving through CFC.

Choice: Federal employees are able to select from a large number of charitable organizations.

Convenience: Employees may use payroll deduction to make giving easier. Because organizations receive funds through payroll deduction all year long, payroll deduction is the gift that keeps on giving.

Confidence: Every charitable organization on the CFC list is screened by Federal employees for fiscal soundness, management expertise, and program integrity. Federal employees can give with confidence knowing their money is being used by charitable organizations wisely.

A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who gave through the Combined Federal Campaign in 2004! Federal employees and Federal contractors in Lancaster County contributed \$155,723 to local, national, and international charities and organizations during our local 2004 CFC campaign. Nationally, Federal employees contributed \$256,000,000 through CFC in 2004. Your contributions and generosity have made a difference right here at home, as well as affecting people all over the world. Way to go!

2005 CFC DATES TO REMEMBER

The 2005 Combined Federal Campaign will run from October 3, 2005, through November 11, 2005.

September 21, 2005, 8:00 a.m. – CFC Kick-off Event at the V.A. Medical Center Auditorium

September 21, 2005, immediately following the Kick-off Event – Key Worker Training for the 2005 Campaign, V.A. Medical Center Auditorium

September 27, 2005, 1:00 p.m. – Key Worker Training (make-up session), Denney Federal Building, Room 497

October 12, 2005 – CFC Agency Fair at the Denney Federal Building (9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

October 13, 2005 – CFC Agency Fair at the CIS Building @ 850 "S" Street (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

October 13, 2005 – CFC Agency Fair at the Main Post Office @ 700 "R" Street (2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)