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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CAMPAIGN CHAIR

Another year has passed. It is 2010 already, and the generosity of the federal sector in the Lincoln/Lancaster County area never ceases to amaze me. We surpassed our goal in 2009 by several thousand dollars. As we move into 2010 the needs of our neighbors will be greater than ever. I know that you will rise to the occasion because you care.

There is a quote from Dr. Seuss that really fits. 'Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not'. Every dollar means you care and we are making lives better.

In 2010, we will '**Pay It Forward Through CFC**' with a goal of \$303,000 and 100% ASK. The LFCC committee and I are here to help you make your campaign successful. We are your resource, as well as the website at www.cfclincoln.org.

I will leave you with this parting note. I believe it embodies all we represent as federal employees. Thank you for all you do every day.

'When you're in your nineties and looking back, it's not going to be how much money you made or how many awards you've won. It's really what did you stand for. Did you make a positive difference for people?'

~Elizabeth Dole

Susan Lewis

2009-2010 CFC Campaign Chair
Lincoln, NE



**PAY IT FORWARD THROUGH CFC
LINCOLN AND LANCASTER COUNTY
COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN 2010**

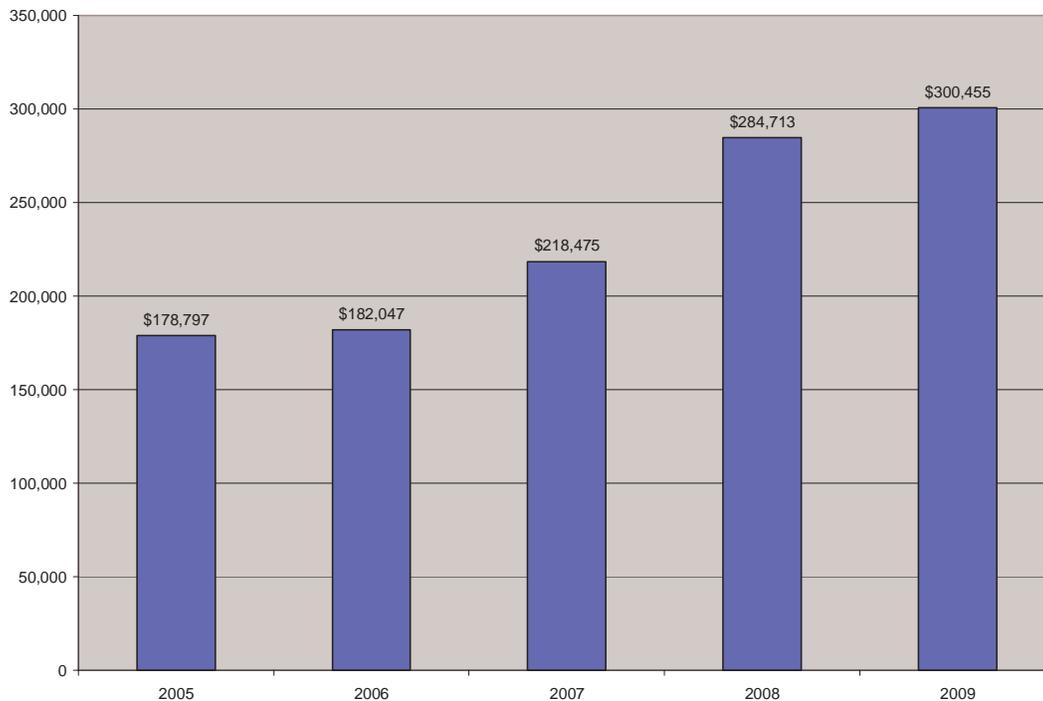
2009 CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS

Federal employees throughout Lincoln and Lancaster County were extremely generous with their contributions during the 2009 campaign for a total of:

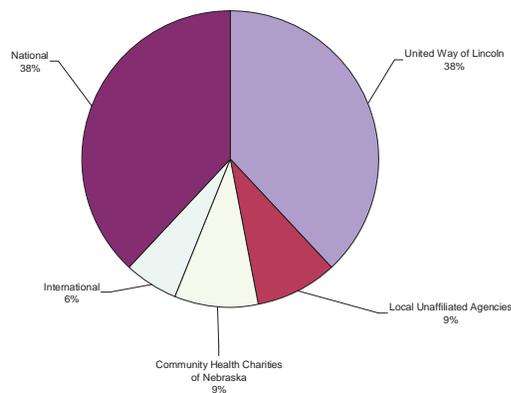
\$300,454.93

- **944 contributors**
- **31.3% participation among all Lincoln and Lancaster County federal employees**
- **29 of 40 federal agencies donated**
- **Average gift was \$318.28**
- **Our total of \$300,454.93 was an increase of over \$15,741 (5.5%) from 2008**

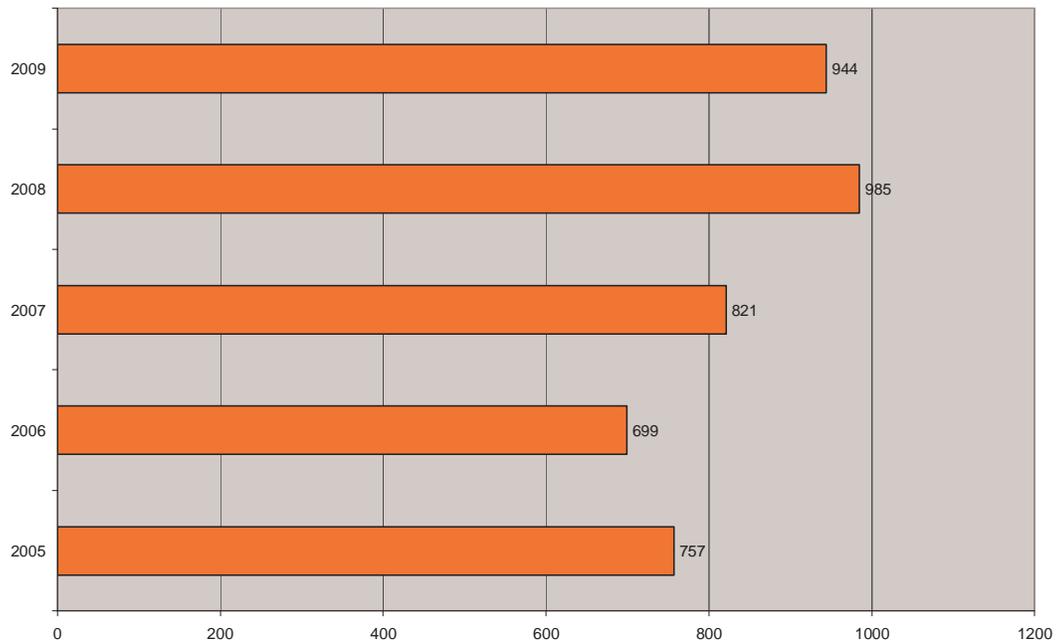
A summary of our last five campaign totals for Lincoln and Lancaster County:



Distribution of funds during the 2009 Campaign:



Lincoln & Lancaster County CFC 5-Year Participation Comparison



At left, CFC agency keyworkers and representatives from local charities get to know each other at the CFC Finale Breakfast in January.



Thank You all for “Daring to Care” in 2009 and know that your contributions are already making a difference!

CONGRATULATIONS TO SOME 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 2009 campaign!

USDA Rural Development increased their contributions by 1110.08% from the previous year's campaign. Yes, that's right, over 1000%! That's an increase of \$2,864.00. In addition, Senator Johanns' office increased contributions by 316.67% during the 2009 campaign. The largest dollar increase from the previous year's campaign was from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) with an increase of \$17,429.24 from the previous year.

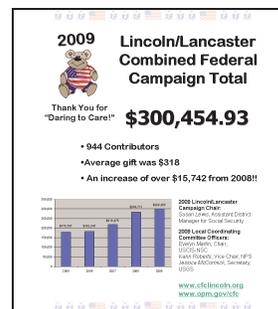
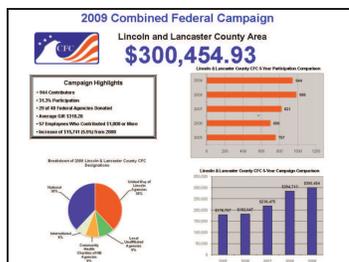
These huge increases in participation and amounts raised are due to wonderful support from agency management as well as from the employees who volunteer to be campaign keyworkers. Their efforts to inspire and motivate federal employees to give are much appreciated!

In addition, 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 2009 campaign!! You all helped make our campaign a huge success!!

CFC POSTERS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

The Lincoln and Lancaster County CFC Website now contains CFC posters available for download and posting in your workplace. Currently there are a couple posters highlighting the results of the 2009 campaign. Please feel free to download and use these posters in your agency to let your coworkers know about the good work their CFC donations accomplish!

In addition to the posters, you'll find a variety of important CFC information including the results of our 2009 campaign, success stories from those who have been helped by your CFC contributions, and a new interactive calendar noting upcoming CFC events. Be sure to check the website regularly for additional information about the upcoming 2010 campaign. Please contact our CFC webmaster Allan Weber (allan_weber@nps.gov) with questions or comments. Check out our CFC website at [http://www.cfclincoln.org/!](http://www.cfclincoln.org/)



IRS GUIDELINES FOR CFC PAYROLL DEDUCTION CONTRIBUTIONS

Don't forget that your donation through CFC is tax deductible. Be sure to retain the pink copy of your pledge form for tax purposes! The following has appeared in previous issues of the CFC Times, but is repeated here for your information during tax season.

The Internal Revenue Service changed the recordkeeping requirements for taxpayers claiming deductions for cash contributions to charities, including contributions made by payroll deductions. For calendar year taxpayers, the new rules apply to contributions made beginning in 2007. For federal workers, the notice specifically provides that a pledge card with the name of a Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) will meet the new requirements.

Starting in 2007, employees who give via payroll deduction will need:

- 1) A copy of their CFC pledge card to prove which charities got their money; and
- 2) Their year-end pay stub that shows the total amount which was withheld to claim the gift as a deduction on their taxes.

Employees should keep the pink or employee copy of their CFC pledge card when filing their taxes for 2007. Copies of the pledge card can be obtained from your Local Federal Coordinating Committee (LFCC).

It is incumbent upon the taxpayer to maintain proper documentation for ALL gifts. Thus, for any funds received after January 1 which are claimable in the 2007 tax year, they must have proper documentation. Their pay stub, in conjunction with their pledge card, will satisfy this requirement. The pledge card alone will not – as this does not prove the money was withheld from the paycheck.

The Pension Act of 2006 offers changes to the documentation required for an individual and the documentation they must maintain to prove gifts to non-profit organizations. Those who made cash gifts of \$250 or more to non-profit organizations in tax year 2007 should get tax letters from their designated charities acknowledging the gift. In this case, the tax letter is all that is required to be submitted for tax purposes. Non-profits are not required to acknowledge gifts under \$250. For those making charitable gifts under \$250, non-profit organizations are not required to send out tax letters, but taxpayers should be able to prove such a gift by cancelled check, receipt, etc. Many organizations often send thank-you letters to their donors regardless of the amount of the donation, but they are not required to do so.

*Please understand the LFCC is posting this in an attempt to help donors understand the new requirements, but we **strongly** suggest that you consult with your tax advisor if you have any specific questions regarding the new IRS rules. The LFCC does not employ tax accountants or tax lawyers and therefore cannot be held responsible if some of this information is not accurate.*

The above is summarized from IRS Issue Notice 2006-110, and can be viewed at <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=164630,00.html>

YOUR 2010 CAMPAIGN OFFICERS

2010 Lincoln/Lancaster Campaign Chair:

Susan Lewis, Assistant District Manager for Social Security

2010 Local Coordinating Committee Officers:

Evelyn Martin, Chair, USCIS-NSC

Karin Roberts, Vice Chair, NPS

Jess McCormick, Secretary, USGS

UPCOMING LOCAL FEDERAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LFCC) MEETINGS

Every federal agency in Lincoln or Lancaster County is invited to send a representative to the monthly LFCC meetings to help plan and run the annual Combined Federal Campaign in our area. 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 will be held on March 16, April 20, and May 18.

2010 CFC DATES TO REMEMBER

September 22, 2010 – Campaign Kickoff Breakfast and Keyworker Training

October 11 – November 12, 2010 – Combined Federal Campaign Official Solicitation Period

October 13, 2010 – Charity Awareness Fair at Denney Federal Building

October 14, 2010 – Charity Awareness Fair at USCIS

DID YOU KNOW?

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace giving campaign.



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 karin_roberts@nps.gov.