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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CAMPAIGN CHAIR

Another wonderful year has passed. The 2007 campaign was a huge success. Our goal for the year was 100% ASK and a 35% overall contribution rate. All of you made that happen. We far exceeded our expectations for 2007 with a 20 % increase in monetary contributions and a 15% increase in contributors when compared to 2006. 2008 will be another spectacular year. We will continue with our goal of 100% ASK with an increase in contributions.

There is nothing more powerful than to see someone benefit from help from an organization. Even the smallest contribution from you makes a difference.



I again challenge every federal employee in the Lincoln/Lancaster County area to make a difference. If you have never contributed, start with \$1 a payday or a one time donation. If you have always participated, I challenge you to increase your contribution by even a few cents. I have been very fortunate in my life and have not had to tap into services from the many organizations that are available, but I know that life is fragile and I could be next, or a family member or close friend.

Thank you in advance for your contribution and efforts. You will touch more lives than you could ever imagine.

Susan Lewis

2008 Lincoln/Lancaster LFCC Campaign Chair

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THE FINAL TOTALS FOR OUR 2007 COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN ARE NOW IN AND THE RESULTS ARE OUTSTANDING!!



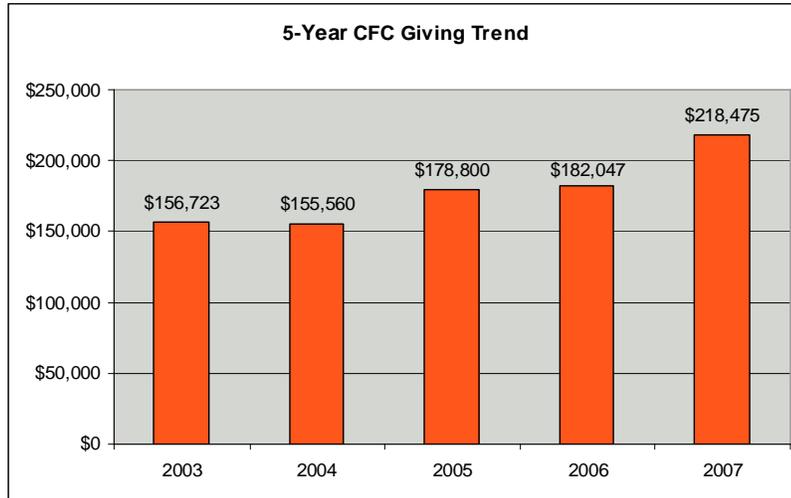
Federal employees throughout Lincoln and Lancaster County were very generous with their contributions. The 2007 campaign total is

\$218, 475

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2007 CAMPAIGN

- **821 Contributors**
- **29% Participation among all Lincoln and Lancaster County federal employees**
- **Average gift was \$266.11**
- **Our total of \$218,475 was an increase of over \$36,400 (20%) from 2006!!**

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



Thank You for “Being a Star in Someone’s Life” and know that your contributions will make a difference!

CONGRATULATION, USCIS!

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) deserves special recognition for their outstanding participation in the 2007 Combined Federal Campaign. USCIS increased their contributions by \$25,423.50 over the previous year. This is a 64.49% increase from 2006!

With their agency director’s support, a large team of USCIS CFC volunteers planned a variety of fun and inspiring activities to get their employees fired up about the campaign and excited about giving to others. Not only did they meet their goal, but they surpassed it by \$14,000 and were instrumental in the total success of our entire campaign. Way to go, USCIS!

As the 2008 campaign approaches, we’ll share with you some of the exciting activities USCIS used to get their employees involved and engaged in CFC. Stay tuned!

DID YOU KNOW?

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

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 is a poster highlighting the results of the 2007 campaign. There is also a second poster introducing the upcoming 2008 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 2007 campaign and success stories from those who have been helped by your CFC contributions. Be sure to check the website regularly for additional information about the upcoming 2008 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 PAYROLL DEDUCTION CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITIES

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 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 2008 CAMPAIGN OFFICERS

2008 Lincoln/Lancaster Campaign Chair:

Susan Lewis, Assistant District Manager for Social Security

2008 Local Coordinating Committee Officers:

Linda Kruger, Chair, NRCS-NSSC

Christy Funcke, Vice Chair, USPS

Evelyn Martin, Secretary, USCIS-NSC

UPCOMING LOCAL FEDERAL 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, 206 S. 13th St., Suite 100, Lincoln. All are welcome! Upcoming meetings will be held on March 18, 20 and April 15.

2008 CFC DATES TO REMEMBER

The 2008 Combined Federal Campaign will run from October 13, 2008, through November 14, 2008.

September 10, 2008 – CFC Kickoff and Keyworker Training, V.A. Medical Center Auditorium, 600 South 70th Street (8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.)

January 21, 2009 – CFC Finale Breakfast, V.A. Medical Center Auditorium, 600 South 70th Street (8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.)

BE A STAR IN SOMEONE’S LIFE!



Contributing through the Combined Federal Campaign makes it easy to give to what matters to you. Whether you’re interested in health charities, children, the environment, animals, or any of the other kinds of charities that participate in CFC, even giving just \$1.00 each month can go a long way to help those in need. And through CFC, you can contribute to charities all around the world or right here at home. You can choose how you want to be a star in someone’s life!

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.