

A Message from the 2004 CFC



My fellow federal employees,

I am proud to serve as the Chair of the Heart of Ohio Combined Federal Campaign for 2004. As you know, the CFC provides us an annual opportunity to respond to a variety of urgent needs within our local communities and beyond.

Our theme for this year's campaign is

Giving is a Choice... Be Some s Hero!!

The number "1" is significant here, in that it can represent "1" person - "1" pledge card - "1" pen. Alone, the number "1" might not mean that much, but put those "1"s listed above together with your positive choice, and you can be the hero. The number "1" is also the primary tie-in for the CFC. This campaign is the "1" authorized workplace fund-raising effort for federal employees to donate to selected charities. This "1" appeal, made "1" time a year, allows you to support your choice of the agencies, programs or causes that you care about most.

The CFC is a voluntary program, so your level of participation is purely a matter of personal choice. That said, I urge each of you to open your heart and listen to what Abraham Lincoln called "the better angels of our nature," and then make a meaningful donation. Your contributions can feed and clothe the needy, provide counseling for troubled families, offer scholarships for the education of our youth and assist medical professionals in search of ways to treat or cure diseases.

Last year, federal employees in Central Ohio raised more than 1.3 million dollars - 1.7% over the campaign's goal - for CFC charities. There is so much more to be done, and there is more than can be done, but only with your help. Therefore, I encourage you to continue your generous support of the programs supported by CFC. Please study the materials you have been given and give generously to the charities of your choice.

Be Some s Hero."

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha J. Stearns".

Martha J. Stearns, Deputy Director, Commercial Pay Services
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A Note about Guidelines and Policies

Giving is a personal matter. The amount you contribute is strictly up to you. Because many federal employees have asked campaign volunteers for some guidelines, the Local Federal Coordinating Committee (LFCC) has compiled a guideline / awards program, as described on the inside back cover of this guide.

OPM and CFC policies call for voluntary giving and strictly forbid coercive solicitation tactics. If you feel you are being pressured to give, you may register a complaint with the LFCC. For information on filing such a complaint, civilian employees should contact their personnel offices, and military personnel should consult with their commanding officers.
