



## “INSPIRE HOPE”

August/September Newsletter 2015

### “INSPIRE HOPE” THIS CFC SEASON

The 2015 Campaign is right around the corner, and we want to thank you for helping raise the needed funds for local, national and international charities.

Over the past 54 years, Federal workers from across the U.S. have donated more than \$7 billion through the Combined Federal Campaign, making it one of the most powerful philanthropic forces in the world.

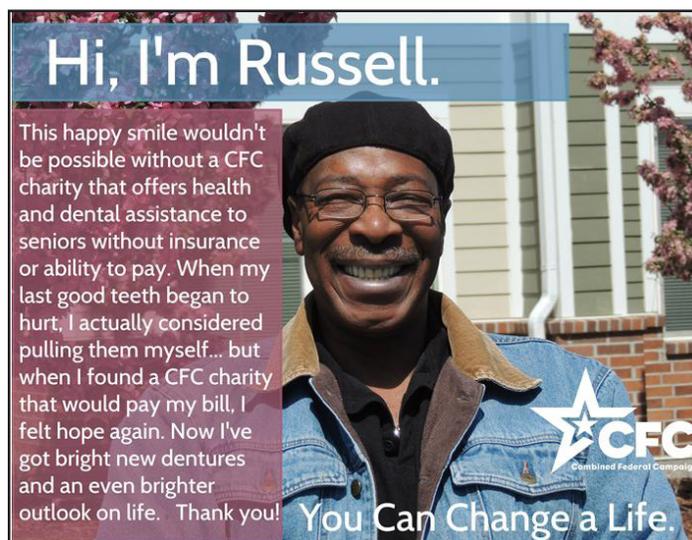
The most effective and efficient channels for philanthropic giving, the CFC includes a huge variety of causes and gives Federal workers an accountable and flexible way to donate to the charities of their choice.

If you haven't heard last year's local campaign was a success! **In 2014 Federal Employees in the 3 Rivers/PA West CFC region raised \$863,269 with over 2,715 donors!** We cannot thank you enough...THANK YOU!

We hope to continue with the success of the 2015 campaign, and reach our goal of \$1.1 million for the upcoming campaign. Our campaign regions includes all federal agencies in: **Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Butler, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Juniata, Lawrence, Mercer, Mifflin, Somerset, Venango, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties (PA). Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio, and Wetzel Counties (WV). Belmont and Monroe Counties (OH).**

So how can you raise \$1.1 million? Please attend the upcoming Campaign Manager/Keyworker Training in September, read your CFC e-mails, check out [www.3riverscfc.org](http://www.3riverscfc.org) and get excited about the CFC. And don't forget to attend the **9<sup>th</sup> Annual CFC Chili Cook-off and Charity Fair** in October!

For more information on the 2015 campaign visit [www.3riverscfc.org](http://www.3riverscfc.org).



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## 2015 DONOR THANK YOU GIFTS

CFC Thank You Awards – Our small way of saying thanks! Every person, regardless of income or position, has the opportunity to be a leader when giving through the CFC. With a payroll deduction plan that spreads a gift over 12 months, giving is easy.

**TO RECEIVE YOUR GIFT, YOU MUST CHECK THE GIFT BOX ON THE 2015 DONOR FORM.**

### 2015 GIFTS:

Contributor CFC Pen – Every donor that makes a contribution will receive a CFC pen.

Silver Level Recognition – Silver Level Donors (\$250 - \$649) will receive a blue CFC Magnetic Clip with Pen Holder.

Gold Level Recognition – Gold Level Donors (\$650 - \$999) will receive a CFC Notebook with Post-it Notes.

### Gold Eagle Club Award

For those donors who are motivated to give at higher levels, special recognition is well deserved. As a constant reminder of their generosity and enthusiasm, a 2015 U.S. Mint Proof Set will be given for donors. Requirements: Annual gift of \$1000+

TO REDUCE COSTS, PLEASE KNOW GIFTS ARE OF LIMITED QUANTITIES.

 2015 3 RIVERS/PENNSYLVANIA WEST CFC THANK YOU GIFTS  
Donor MUST check award box on donor form to receive gift  
(First come, first served)

Everyone Gift - CFC Blue Pen  


Silver Award  
Donation: \$250 - \$649  
CFC Magnetic Clip with Pen Holder  


Gold Award  
Donation: \$650 - \$999  
CFC Sticky Notes Note Book  


Gold Eagle Award  
Donation: \$1000 +  
2015 United States Mint Presidential \$1 Coin Proof Set  
Features all four 2015 Presidential \$1 Coins in proof quality. United States Mint proof coins are extraordinarily bright, with sharp relief and a mirror-like background. The coins are then packaged in a protective lens to showcase and maintain their exceptional finish.

The 2015 obverses (heads sides) of these coins honor these Presidents:

- Harry S. Truman
- Dwight D. Eisenhower
- John F. Kennedy
- Lyndon B. Johnson



## ANNOUNCING OUR 2015 CORPORATE SPONSORS\*

### 2015 GOLD EAGLE SPONORS

Allegent Community Federal Credit Union

### 2015 EAGLE SPONORS

BlueCross BlueShield - Federal Employee Program

### 2015 BRONZE SPONSORS

NARFE Premier Federal Credit Union

\*The 3 Rivers/Pennsylvania West CFC acknowledge the sponsors' generous contributions, but this does not constitute an endorsement of any of the sponsors' products or services.

Hi. I'm Katherine.

You probably can't see the sign I'm holding. Well, when I was three, I couldn't either. I needed eye surgery to correct a severe amblyopia. Because a CFC-supported medical facility provided the surgery, not only do I see objects clearly, I see a bright future, too.

My sign says, "Thank you."

You Can Change a Life. 

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## YOU CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE THROUGH CFC

**Our Charities provided the facts below about what your few dollars a week can provide....  
INSPIRE HOPE**

### Just a \$1.00 per provides:

- Food for five people for a day.
- 17 Children's books for families in a literacy program.
- Six hours of relief for family members that have become primary care givers for a family member with an illness of disability.
- Five youth scouting memberships for girls.
- Two weeks of transportation to and from work for a victim of abuse or sexual assault while staying in a safe house.

### Just \$5.00 per week provides:

- Two months of meals for a homebound person.
- Five wigs for children with cancer undergoing chemotherapy.
- Gas or power service for an elderly or disabled person who has been threatened with a termination notice.
- Two weeks developmental school for a child with developmental needs.
- Shelter for 10 people for a night.

### Just \$10.00 per week provides:

- Two days of care for a terminally ill individual.
- Five and a half weeks of work training.
- Lightweight wheelchair for a person who is physically challenged.
- Allows five people being treated for mental illness to attend recovery classes that provide education, peer support and healing strategies.

Any gift can help your charity's mission. The minimum civilian payroll deduction is \$1.00 for each bi-weekly pay period. The minimum military payroll deduction is \$2.00 per monthly pay period. On behalf of the charities thank you for supporting their missions.



## ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS FOR ALL FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

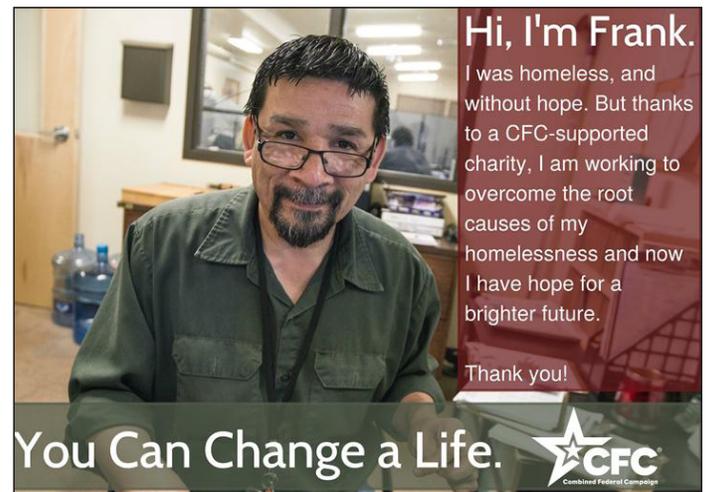


We are proud to offer THREE methods of making your CFC payroll deduction donation online. SAVE A TREE as you DONATE!

### ONLINE OPTIONS:

**Employee Express (EEX)** is available to employees at SELECT federal agencies. Pledge goes directly to EEX payroll office.

**MyPay** is available to employees at SELECT federal agencies. Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) provides payment services to the United States Department of Defense. Pledge goes directly to MyPay payroll office.



Hi, I'm Frank.

I was homeless, and without hope. But thanks to a CFC-supported charity, I am working to overcome the root causes of my homelessness and now I have hope for a brighter future.

Thank you!

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**CFC Nexus** is available to ALL donors in the region (no matter the payroll office) and is encouraged for agencies/donors whom do not have access to the EEX and MyPay payroll programs. CFC NEXUS is a 8th generation OPM acknowledged online E-Pledging system designed specifically for the CFC community.

One time CREDIT CARD donations can also be made through CFC Nexus (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express). The site is 100% secure and compliant with the Payment Card Industry standards, which means that no credit card information is stored.

MAKE AN ONLINE DONATION THIS FALL through the CFC by visiting the campaign website: [www.3riverscfc.org](http://www.3riverscfc.org).

Find ALL 20,000+ CFC charity codes at [www.3riverscfc.org](http://www.3riverscfc.org) and use the "Charity Look Up" tool. You can place the charity code on your pledge card.

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## ANNUAL CFC GOLF OUTING September 25, 2015 Black Hawk Golf Course

REGISTRATION DEADLINE 8/28/2015

On behalf of the 3 RIVERS/PENNSYLVANIA WEST COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN, I cordially invite all current and former Federal Employees, Military Personnel and their guests to our annual fall golf event. By request of past golfers, we are headed to Black Hawk Golf Course in Beaver Falls, PA. With morning coffee and pastry, lunch, soft drinks, bottled water, beverages, favors and a hot buffet, followed by prizes. You still can't beat the deal.

While we try to promote a sense of community among the government work force and military, and to boost the awareness of the CFC, we do this by having a low-key, fun day. This is not a traditional fund raiser, although we do have a few small events benefiting the participating charities, and a very short program related to the campaign. PLEASE KNOW THAT THE ENRTY FEE COVERS GOLF, CART, SNACKS, LUNCH, HOT DINNER, BEVERAGES, GIFTS, AND DOES NOT ACT AS A DONATION.

This is a four player scramble format. We will still have a handicapping and flight system so that you will be playing against teams of similar ability, and everyone will have a chance to win. Last year the scramble seemed to speed up play and avoid delay recording scores and awarding prizes. We encourage everyone to form a foursome, but we will form teams from other entries if you cannot.

Please complete the registration form ([www.3riverscfc.org](http://www.3riverscfc.org)) and submit payment to the CASTLE CO-OP by August 28, 2015. MAIL CHECK & FORM TO (no credit cards):

US Army Corps of Engineers  
ATTN: Mark Catullo  
1000 Liberty Ave. 22nd Floor  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

If it comes down to the wire for spots, paid entries will be honored before any entries sent without payment. The first name on the form will be the primary contact. Please tell your group to arrive no later than 8:30 AM. Directions are on the course's website at [www.blackhawkgolfcourse.com](http://www.blackhawkgolfcourse.com).

While we may get cooperation from the course regarding late additions, substitutions and cancellations, we cannot guarantee entry after the deadline (or if we get filled up before September 1) so don't put it off - enter right away! No refunds after we give them a final number 12 days before the event (course policy is a rain check rather than refund).

Call or email questions or suggestions.

Veronica Harris  
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### 3 RIVERS/PENNSYLVANIA WEST CFC 2015 ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**The 3 Rivers/Pennsylvania West Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) invites you to celebrate the end of another golf season and another successful campaign. Last year Federal Employees raised over \$850,000 and we hope to reach \$1.1 million in 2015!**

**Join current and former Federal Employees, Military Personnel and their guests for a day of fun, food and fellowship. This is a low key, fun event with prizes for all skill levels.**

**Friday, September 25, 2015  
Four Player Scramble - 9:00 AM Shotgun Start  
Black Hawk Golf Course - Beaver Falls, PA 15010**

\$75.00 per golfer includes golf, cart, morning coffee and pastry, lunch, hot buffet dinner, beverages, soft drinks, water, favors and prizes. No credit cards - checks only.

We are hosting a four player scramble format. We encourage everyone to form a foursome, but we will form teams from other entries if you cannot.

Deadline for entries is August 28, 2015. If we fill player limit, spots will be filled in order of PAID entries received.

For more information and additional registration forms, visit [www.3riverscfc.org](http://www.3riverscfc.org) or contact Veronica Harris at [threeriverscfc.vharris@gmail.com](mailto:threeriverscfc.vharris@gmail.com) or call 412-303-3140.

Course information, including driving directions, at [www.blackhawkgolfcourse.com](http://www.blackhawkgolfcourse.com)

Names	Agency/Unit/Dept.	Total
1. (Contact) Name: _____	_____ / _____	\$75
Work Address: _____		
Phone/e-mail: _____		
2. Name: _____	_____ / _____	\$150
Work Address: _____		
Phone/e-mail: _____		
3. Name: _____	_____ / _____	\$225
Work Address: _____		
Phone/e-mail: _____		
4. Name: _____	_____ / _____	\$300
Work Address: _____		
Phone/e-mail: _____		
(Phone/e-mail requested so we may contact you about details and possible updates)		

**Send this REGISTRATION by AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup> along with check made out to:  
CASTLE CO-OP  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
ATTN: Mark Catullo  
1000 Liberty Ave. 22nd Floor  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222**



**CFC**  
Combined Federal Campaign



THE DIRECTOR  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

Dear Fellow Federal Employees:

It is my great pleasure to serve as the Honorary National Chairman of the 2015 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). I strongly believe in the CFC, and I am convinced that when federal employees generously donate to their charities of choice through CFC, we make the world a better place.

During the campaign, federal workers across our great nation come together to support organizations and causes that provide critically needed services in our communities. Please consider participating in this year's campaign. Every gift, no matter how large or small, has the power to make a difference.

The CFC offers federal workers an easy way to support charitable organizations in their community. Participating charities depend upon our contributions to provide essential services here at home and around the world. Whether you give by payroll deduction, check, cash, or credit/debit card, your pledge makes so much possible.

Since the Combined Federal Campaign was founded in 1961, federal workers have donated more than \$7 billion to tens of thousands of vetted and approved charities. Ours is the most successful workplace giving campaign in the world. I hope that you continue this proud tradition of service by considering to offer a pledge today. Together, we have the ability to make the 2015 campaign a tremendous success!

Thank you very much,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John O. Brennan".

John O. Brennan

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## DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE "KING OF THE KIDNEY BEAN" OR "SOUP KING"?



The 3 Rivers/PA West CFC is hosting its "9<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili for Charity" contest on October 20, 2015 and you are invited to be a contestant!

**We are seeking 10 cooks** to whip up their special chili or soup and enter the "Chili for Charity" contest. All entries will receive a special gift. The winner will receive a wonderful prize and of course, the sole title as **"King of the Kidney Bean" or "Soup King"**.

To enter call Amy Ervin at 412-330-7667. We provide the spoons, cups, napkins...you bring the grub!

### UPCOMING LOCAL CFC EVENTS

#### ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

September 25, 2015  
9:00 AM Shotgun Start  
Blackhawk Golf Course - Beaver Falls, PA

#### KEYWORKER TRAININGS

September 29, 2015  
VA Butler Hospital  
Butler, PA

September 30, 2015  
Moorhead Federal Building  
Pittsburgh, PA

#### ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

October 20, 2015  
Pittsburgh Chili Cook-Off & Charity Fair  
Moorhead Federal Building  
Pittsburgh, PA

#### CFC CAMPAIGN

October 1 - December 1  
CFC Solicitation

#### "GET YOUR GIVE ONLINE" WEEK

November 16 - 20, 2015

#### CFC AWARDS EVENT

January - (Date to be determined)

\* CFC Campaign Managers will be notified of final date/time of all CFC events.

## MEET THE LOCAL FEDERAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LFCC)

The LFCC provides oversight for the local campaign in conformance with the CFC regulations and the policies established by OPM.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair  
Michael Whitelock - U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Co-Chair  
Lori Blauser - OPM Boyers (FIS)

Co-Chair  
Linda Reed - IRS-Pittsburgh Post of Duty

Henrietta Burns-Weeden - IRS-Pittsburgh Post of Duty

### LFCC MEMBERS

Patrick Arnold - Department of VA - Pittsburgh Regional Office

Lovetta Ford - VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

Tamara Ivosevic - Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board

Jean Yeager - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

### HONORARY NON VOTING MEMBERS

George Buck - Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board  
Lt Col Brian Schill - 911th AW  
Ginette Simpson - U.S. Postal Service

### JOIN THE LFCC TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

To be an LFCC member, we ask that you attend via phone or in person at least five LFCC meetings. We meet one day a month and our meetings are usually one hour and are usually held at the Morehead Federal Building (downtown).

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the LFCC, please let me know and I would be happy to answer any questions.

As always, thank you for your support of the CFC.

### CFC REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Amy Ervin  
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threeriverscfc@verizon.net