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CFC Awards & Recognition Event

The 2010 CFC Awards & Recognition event sponsored by GEICO was held on Thursday, January 20, 2011. Agency Unit Awards, Keyworker Recognition, Local and Regional Hero Awards and other awards were distributed.

Even with a snow storm set to hit Pittsburgh at 3:00pm, more than 110 Federal Employees attended the event, enjoying a light breakfast and much needed hot coffee.

WTAE's Kelly Frey graciously volunteered her time, and welcomed everyone to the event. Kelly's upbeat personality and enthusiasm made the event a success, complete with "Cookie Pops" made by Ginette Simpson, and prizes furnished by GEICO, from Home Depot, Macy's, Giant Eagle and others.

Federal employees raised an astounding **\$1,153,421** with **4,338** donors and an average gift was \$265.89!

If we haven't said it enough, we're saying it one more time...thank you to all the 2010 CFC Campaign Managers & Keyworkers! With your hard work and dedication, you have helped hundreds of charities continue their mission.

Congratulations to the 2010 Excellence Award Winners (The sector, or federal agencies, that best maintained/increased participation and overall campaign performance in comparison to the past three years):

- 171st - PA Air National Guard
- Internal Revenue Service
- Department of Veterans Affairs - Pittsburgh
- United States Postal Service
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Pittsburgh
- U.S. Air Force 311th Recruiting Squadron

Special thanks to the 2010 Loaned Executives, Patricia Weihrauch (VAPHS) and Joyce Teranno



WTAE's Kelly Frey emceed the CFC event. For more event photos visit www.3riverscfc.org (Photos Tab).

(USPS), who assisted with donor data entry, gift distribution, event support and much more.

Event speakers included Ronald Loncharich of the IRS; LTC Randall E. Wheeler of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; United States Attorney David Hickton of the U.S. Attorney's Office; Tad Kelley of the USPS; and John Gennaro of the VAPHS

Special thanks to the LFCC, WTAE, the Regional Enterprise Tower Staff and GEICO for making the 2010 Awards & Recognition event a success! The 3 Rivers/PA West CFC also thanks our 2010 Corporate Sponsors:

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2010 Local CFC Heroes

Local Heroes are identified as individuals who went above and beyond dedicating their time to the CFC. All federal agencies had the opportunity to nominate an individual for the Local Hero Award. The 2010 winners are:

CIVILIAN

Christine A. Galuska – Social Security Administration – ODAR - PGH

Christine has been the CFC Coordinator for 3 years increasing the SSA ODAR campaign from \$2700 to \$9379. She is a highly motivated person who, in spite of the economic downturn, has successfully encouraged a steady increase in CFC contributions during her time in the position as coordinator.

Outside of the workplace, Christine has assisted with her sons' school fundraisers, including the Youth and Government club. She organized soccer and swimming banquets and helped with the soccer and swimming pre-championship dinners and banquets. Christine also volunteers to make "Meals 4 Moms" who just had babies, through Assumption Church. Regrettably, this is the last year that Christine will be serving as volunteer for these activities as well as for the Combined Federal Campaign, since she and her husband will soon be relocating out of state.

Christine is a veteran of the U.S. Army and began working for the SSA ODAR in 1982.

Donna Micuch – IRS

Donna has been a CFC keyworker for approximately 30 years and is recognized as holding the record for the longest amount of time in the keyworker position in our campaign area.

With her leadership, Donna has maintained an outstanding employee participation rate within her workgroup. An overwhelming 73% of her employees have donated through the CFC this year. The outstanding participation rate is exemplary and is a rate which far exceeds the average federal workforce.

Each year, Donna holds a CFC kick-off program in her office. From her own pocket, she provides door prizes and food for employees to enjoy while she promotes the campaign. Her satisfaction lies with the success of the campaign and the work non-profit organizations do with the funds they receive from the CFC.

VETERAN'S AFFAIR

Yvonne Leonard - VAPHS

Yvonne works in the Health Administration Specialties department at the VAPHS. She has coordinated numerous CFC events, including Hoagie Sales, Hot Dog/Nacho Sales, Homemade Cookie Sales and other events and fundraisers. She helped the HAS to raise over \$7,000, with an increase of 19 donors and \$3000!

Yvonne has been employed with the VAPHS for over 20 years and she is serving on the Administrative Team for the 2011 National Veterans Wheel Chair Games. She truly shows the spirit of charitable and benevolent purposes in all that she does for those in her workplace and community.

Michelle L. Robinson – Department of Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Regional Office

Michelle Robinson has shown a sincere, deep commitment over the 15 years she has served as a CFC Keyworker for the Pittsburgh Regional Office. She is positive, energetic, and a determined volunteer that sets the tempo for the campaign each year. Her energy has directly resulted in the DVA office exceeding its goal for the past four years. Annually she has helped organize kicking off the campaign and made it a great success. She always tries to incorporate new ideas to raise awareness to various CFC organizations. This year she organized a bake sale during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This effort raised an additional \$2,200.00!

Michelle is a role model for everyone around her and is an active participant in the church, a member of the choir and assists the Pastor on various activities.

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MILITARY

Master Sergeant Monica Heyl – PA Air Guard

Monica served as Key Worker for the entire Mission Support Group consisting of 569 people. She effectively contacted every individual and raised more than \$3,000 from the Mission Support Group for the 2010 campaign. She also helped coordinator the second annual chili cook-off to kick-off for the CFC season.

Monica is also the founding member of the Helen C. Hennessey Tree of Hope, which is a non-profit organization that raises awareness and funds for breast cancer research and for the past 15 years, she coordinates the Angel Tree for the Salvation Army at the 171st.



Monica Heyl of the 171st PA Air Guard accepts her Local Hero award. Pictured with Brian Schill of the PA Air Guard.

USPS

Myrtle Hall – P&DC

Myrtle has worked with the USPS for 25 years and will celebrate 26 years this April. This is her second year working with the CFC. This year she hosted numerous kick off meetings for each of the tours and made a goal for Pittsburgh offices to raise \$100,000. Under her leadership, the Pittsburgh offices in the Northside raised \$113,970 and the P&DC had 282 donors raising \$65,139. Myrtle upbeat personality and genuine heart makes her a pleasure to work with and the USPS is honored to have as an employee.



Myrtle Hall of the USPS accepts her Local Hero award. Pictured with Brian Schill of the PA Air Guard.

Amy Hernandez – L&DC

Amy works at the L&DC and had been employed with the USPS for six years. In 2009 she contacted the CFC on the last day of the campaign at 10:00pm announcing that she had \$10,000 worth of CFC forms. She took it upon herself to run a campaign for her tour. In 2009 the L&DC had 109 donors and \$16,580. In 2010 she again assisted with the L&DC campaign, working with her tour, which had 216 donors raising \$29,707. An increase of 107 donors and \$13,000 at the L&DC!



Christine Galuska of SSA ODAR accepts her Local Hero award. Pictured with Sharon Appel of OPM.



Yvonne Leonard of the VAPHS accepts her Local Hero award. Pictured with Sharon Appel of OPM.



Co-Chair Michael Palus welcomes guests to the 2010 CFC Awards Celebration.

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CALL FOR CFC CHARITIES

Do you know a charity that would like to become involved with the CFC? If so, please have them visit our website www.3riverscfc.org or call **412-330-7667** to learn how they can apply to be part of the 2011 campaign.

Applications for the 2011 campaign is available on-line (CFC Charity Info Tab) and the deadline to apply is April 1, 2011.

Charities must be a 501c3 and have an office within our CFC Region.

Our campaign region includes: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Clarion, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties (PA). Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio, and Wetzel Counties (WV). Belmont and Monroe Counties (OH).

Charities must apply annually. Please know we are not the United Way and charities must apply to the CFC for federal employee support.



Donna Micuch of the IRS accepts her 2010 Hero Award. Pictured with Sharon Appel of OPM - ROC. Ms. Micuch is nominated as a National Hero. Good Luck Donna!

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

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