



## “50 YEARS OF CARING!”

February Newsletter 2012

### CFC AWARDS & RECOGNITION EVENT

The 2011 CFC Awards & Recognition event sponsored by GEICO was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2012. Agency Unit Awards, Keyworker Recognition, Local and Regional Hero Awards and other awards were distributed.

Over 90 Federal Employees attended the event, enjoying a light breakfast and much needed hot coffee. KDKA's Harold Hayes graciously volunteered his time, and welcomed everyone to the event. "Cookie Pops" made by Ginette Simpson were provided and prizes were furnished by our event sponsor GEICO.

This year our federal employees raised an astounding **\$1,096,831 with 4,109 donors!** Amazing work by our federal employees!

If we haven't said it enough, we're saying it one more time...thank you to all the 2011 CFC Campaign Managers & Keyworkers! With your hard work and dedication, you have helped hundreds of charities continue their mission.

Congratulations to the 2011 Excellence Award Winners (The sector, or federal agencies, that best maintained/increased participation and overall campaign performance in comparison to the past three years):

- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) - Pittsburgh
- Office of the Comptroller of the Currency - Monroeville
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) - Pittsburgh
- U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command - Pittsburgh
- U.S. Office of Personnel Management - Federal Investigative Services

Special thanks to the 2011 Loaned Executives, Laura Baumgart (VAPHS) and Joyce Terrano (USPS), who assisted with donor data entry, gift distribution, event support and much more.

Event speakers included Marlene Harhai of the IRS; Lieutenant Commander John R. Dittmar of

the U.S. Coast Guard; Judge Nora Barry Fischer of the U.S. District Court; Jane Rahenkamp of the Pittsburgh USPS and Terry Gerigk Wolf of the VAPHS.

Special thanks to Olivia Awad & Heather Franz (VAPHS) and Gail Carr (USPS), the LFCC, KDKA, the Regional Enterprise Tower Staff and GEICO for making the 2011 Awards & Recognition event a success! The 3 Rivers/PA West CFC also thanks our 2011 Corporate Sponsors:

**2011 GOLD EAGLE SPONSORS**  
Allegent Community Federal Credit Union  
GEICO

**2011 EAGLE SPONSORS**  
BlueCross BlueShield - Federal Employee Program

**2011 BRONZE SPONSORS**  
Government Employees Health Association, Inc.  
(GEHA)  
NARFE Premier Federal Credit Union

### MERGER WITH THE CFC OF THE LAUREL HIGHLANDS REGION

We are happy to announce our merger with the CFC of the Laurel Highlands. Our new territory includes:

Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, **Bedford**, Butler, **Cambria**, Clarion, Fayette, Forest, Greene, **Indiana**, Lawrence, Mercer, **Somerset**, Venango, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties (PA). Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio, and Wetzel Counties (WV). Belmont and Monroe Counties (OH).

This will allow you to donate to local charities within our new region and we will work with all federal employees with facilities within the above counties...This is very exciting!

It is hoped that the merger will help reduce campaign costs, raise more funds for charities, allow more charity participation, and satisfy you the donor.

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## 2011 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 2011 winners are:

### CIVILIAN

#### **JUDY ANDERSON - DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - WAGE & HOUR DIVISION**

Judy has been the Campaign Manager at her office for 19 years (Since 1992). In 2011, she gained 5 new donors raising a total of \$3,273.84 with 15 donors. Since 2008 she has helped raise over \$15,000.

With 19 years of CFC fundraising, it is estimated that under her leadership, the DOL Wage & Hour Division may have raised over \$70,000 for charity. Judy has worked for the Dept. of Labor for 26 years (since December 1985). She also has 7 years U. S. Navy Military service. She'll have a total of 33 years Federal service in February 2012.



Judy Anderson of the DOL Wage & Hour Division accepts her Local Hero award. Pictured with Mike Palus, Co-Chair of LFCC.

#### **LORI BLAUSER - OPM-FEDERAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES**

As Campaign Manager, Lori coordinated the entire CFC effort for FIS in Boyers, PA. Her energy was contagious as she planned and organized the kick off meetings, fundraisers, attended LFCC meetings, and all CFC functions.

She inspired the keyworkers to become creative in encouraging people to sign up for the payroll deductions, instead of one time giving. It was this motivation that allowed 80% participation in some select groups. Under Lori's leadership, OPM FIS earned a GOLD Award and raised a record breaking \$64,678 with 192 donors!

The LFCC is nominating Lori Blausler as our National Hero for OPM's 2011 National Hero Awards. The recipients of these awards will be invited to attend an awards ceremony in Washington, DC this summer (date to be announced).



Lori Blausler of OPM FIS accepts her 2011 Hero Award. Pictured with George Buck (left: FEB) and Mike Palus (right: U.S. District Court) Ms. Blausler is nominated as a National Hero. Good Luck Lori!

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## 2011 LOCAL CFC HEROES - CONTINUED -

### MILITARY

#### LT JOHN. Z. DOWNING - U.S. COAST GUARD

John gained two new donors raising a total of \$3,105 with 18 donors at 60% participation, which is one of the highest participation rates in the Military. John has been the Campaign Manager at this office for two years and under his leadership has increased donors from just 6 donors in 2009 to 18 donors. It may seem like a little, but to the charities, it is a lot. Under John's leadership, the U.S. Coast Guard has earned its second Gold Award.



LT John Downing of the U.S. Coast Guard accepts his awards. Pictured with Lieutenant Commander John R. Dittmar.

### USPS

#### MYRTLE HALL WHITING - P&DC

Myrtle has worked as the Key Worker for the Pittsburgh Plant and has not taken that responsibility lightly. She is responsible for ensuring that all of the Plant employees, who work 24/7/365 receive their CFC packets and information and return their forms timely. She adjusts her work schedule to ensure she is available on all three tours (shifts). She also schedules speakers for the meetings and has cookies available for the employees.

This year she met with the Lead Manager of the Plant to ensure that the employees are released from their Sections to receive their donation forms and listen to a speaker or view the video. Because of her hard work and dedication the P&DC raised an outstanding \$77,000.



Myrtle Hall Whiting of the PGH USPS accepts her second Hero Award.

#### TERESA CAIN - EAST LIBERTY POST OFFICE

Teresa was disappointed that there was no CFC interest at the branch. She was very involved in CFC at her previous station, as well as the Postal Services Scouting for Food for 14 years. She decided to educate the East Liberty employees about the services and importance of what CFC does by developing a "Pumpkin Patch of Hope". She contacted 10 charities to attend her CFC Fair and bring literature and talk with employees. Employees were able to visit (Trick or Treat) and talk with representatives about the services they provide in the community.

Teresa really believes in CFC and the services that these organizations provide. Personally, she has also organized a "Make a Wish" fund raiser which was a huge success, raising over \$6,000 to Make a Wish come true for a sick child. Teresa helped raised \$5,687 for CFC charities.



Teresa Cain of the East Liberty USPS with her 2011 Hero Award.

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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](http://www.3riverscfc.org) or call **412-330-7667** to learn how they can apply to be part of the 2012 campaign.

Applications for the 2012 campaign is available on-line (CFC Charity Info Tab) and the deadline to apply is April 2, 2012. Charities must be a 501c3 and have an office within our CFC Region.

Our campaign region includes: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Mercer, Somerset, 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.

## DEPARTING AND NEW LFCC MEMBERS

Special thanks to our departing LFCC members. Your valuable support is appreciated by the LFCC and the CFC Charities. We will miss your enthusiasm and dedication.

Col. William Graham - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Michael Palus - U.S. District Court  
Richard Mort - IRS  
Richard Cotter - Butler VA

In 2012 we will welcome new LFCC chair, Dr. Anthony Cugini, Director of the Department of Energy - National Energy Technology Lab.

## 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  
Colonel William H. Graham - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Co-Chair  
Sharon Appel - OPM Boyers (ROC)

Co-Chair  
Michael Palus - U.S. District Court

George Buck - Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board

Robert Cessar - U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Richard Mort - IRS-Pittsburgh Post of Duty

### LFCC MEMBERS

Lori Blauser - OPM Boyers (FIS)

Amy Friel Capretto - Veterans Affairs Butler

Rebecca Hubscher - VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

Shannon Kelley - Department of VA - Pittsburgh Regional Office

John "Casey" Lengyel - 911th ARW

Jane Rahenkamp - U.S. Postal Service

Linda Reed - IRS-Pittsburgh Post of Duty

Janice Sauchin - National Labor Relations Board

Lt Col Brian Schill - PA Air National Guard

Ginette Simpson - U.S. Postal Service

Debbie Storch - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Joyce Voynick - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Sue Wargo - CENTERS for Disease Control & Prevention

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



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