



## “Give a little. HELP A LOT!”

November Newsletter 2012

### YUMMY! And the winner is...

On Thursday, September 27th, the CFC held the sixth Federal Employee “Chili & Soup For Charity Cook-off and Charity Fair”. The event hosted 46 charities and a total of 10 chilies & soups at the Moorhead Federal Building. The charities were delighted to meet and greet with more than 275 federal employees, talk about their mission and promote the CFC campaign.

Guests enjoyed snacks from the nacho bar from Acorn Foods, Cookie Pops, take-a-ways from the charity tables, and voted for their favorite chili.

This was a close competition! The 2012 King of the Kidney Bean is Richard LoDuca of Goodwill Commercial Services!

The CFC would like to thank the charities, the wonderful chefs and all who attended the kick-off event. We hope to see you next year at the 2013 Chili Cook-off...Do I smell redemption?



Congratulations to our “King of the Kidney Bean” Richard LoDuca of Goodwill Commercial Services.

### Top 10 Reasons CFC Works For You

1. It's your campaign.
2. The CFC is like a department store for charities (2500+ to choose from.)
3. It's guaranteed. Our representatives screen each charity for accountability.
4. It can be customized to reflect your own beliefs, values & concerns.
5. It's a cost effective way to donate.
6. A small monthly contribution adds up to a big annual gift.
7. Through CFC you can fund many needs.
8. You determine where your money goes by designating your gift.
9. Offers easy, convenient one-stop shopping.
10. You can say “I gave at the office” with pride.

### 2012 Campaign News

This year's campaign has begun! As of October 26<sup>th</sup> federal employees have raised over \$194,000 with 582 donors. Thank you for your support!

Our goal is to raise \$1,100,000 for local, national and international charities by **12/1/12**. Help us to help others!

If you are interested in donating to your favorite charity through the CFC, please contact the CFC office at 412-330-7667 or talk with your office's CFC Keyworker.

### ANNOUNCING OUR 2012 CORPORATE SPONSORS\*

**2012 GOLD EAGLE SPONSORS**  
Allegent Community Federal Credit Union  
GEICO

**2012 EAGLE SPONSORS**  
BlueCross BlueShield - Federal Employee Program

**2012 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.

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## Thank You 2012 Chili Chefs For Your Support!

Jennice Hill – U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
Border Chili is Back

Michael Douglas - IRS  
Three Rivers Chili

Chris Galiotto - VA Regional Office  
Pow! Pow! Chicken Chili

Rufus Hewlett III - GSA  
Rufus Sized Chili

Ileana Serbanescu - DCAA  
Romanian Style Pork Soup

Carlyle A. Stokes - Knight Security  
Stokes Smoking Sausage Chili

Rich LoDuca - Goodwill Commercial Services  
Bringing the Heat

Michael Horvath - U.S. Citizenship & Immigration  
Services  
The Great Pumpkin Chili!

Mary Rudberg - VA Regional Office  
Four-Hand Chili

Suzanne C. Bennett & Dolores L. Moeller, NLRB  
Chili Con Spice Girls

Congratulations to our second place winner Carlye Stokes of Knight Security and our Best Table presentation Michael Horvath of the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service.

## Want to add your Charity to the CFC:

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 2013 campaign will be available on-line the end of February and the deadline to apply is April 2013. Charities must be a 501c3.

## CFC Golf Event - Recap

What a beautiful day to golf! The CFC Golf event was a success with 137 attendees! Held on October 5th at the beautiful Birdsfoot Golf Club in Freeport, golfers were greeted to a bagpiper, golf, food, beverages and a CFC water bottle take away.

Golfers won various prizes including autographed pictures of Arnold Palmer, gift cards, Steeler supplies and more! And the CFC raised \$1,000 for charity!

Special thanks to George Buck, Shelly Oesterling & Ginette Simpson for their dedication to the golf event. Ginette donated dozens of cookies to the CFC. Thank you Ginette!

Congratulations to the winners of the 2012 CFC Golf Outing!

Low Gross Winners: OPM

Dave Martinez  
Dennis Munko  
Chris Zilla  
Adam Langford

First Flight Net Winners: OPM & VA

Tyler Callihan  
Dayne O'Donnell  
Andrew Larimore  
Chris Miller

Second Flight Net Winners: OPM

Eric Harrison  
Mike Kraynick  
Paige Sleighter  
Mike Byers

\*LOW GROSS TEAM determined by OVERALL LOW GROSS SCORE. FIRST FLIGHT NET TEAM was the second place overall LOW GROSS as well as the lowest NET SCORE from the first flight. SECOND FLIGHT NET TEAM winner was the leader in the second flight with the LOWEST NET SCORE.

**Interested in helping with the 2013 Golf Outing? Call Amy Ervin at 412-330-7667.**

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## A Few Reminders Regarding the CFC:

### **THE CAMPAIGN IN THE 3 RIVERS/PENNSYLVANIA WEST REGION**

The 3 Rivers/Pennsylvania West Combined Federal Campaign covers parts of Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and the West Virginia panhandle. We are the Federal Employee and Military annual fundraising effort representing hundreds of Local, National and International Charities. 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).

### **DONOR DESIGNATIONS**

Donors are encouraged to designate their gifts to specific organizations (up to five on form, use multiple forms for more charities) OR to federations that are listed in the Campaign Brochure. Designating gifts allows donors to channel contributions to those organizations that best represent their interests or concerns. If one chooses to designate a gift to a federation, the contribution is used to support the work of the federation or is shared with its affiliated agencies in accordance with the federation's policy. Designations may only be made to organizations that have been included in the Campaign Brochure. Write-ins are prohibited.

### **UNDESIGNATED FUNDS**

Although donors are encouraged to designate their gifts to particular organizations or federations, and most do, it is not required. If one chooses to make a contribution but does not want to specify where that contribution is to go, the contribution will still be accepted. These undesignated funds are then shared among all of the organizations listed in the Campaign Brochure in the same proportion that the organizations received designations. **Undesignated Code is 99999.**

*Note: If an organization listed in the brochure receives no designations by any donor, that agency will not receive any of the undesignated money either. Those who designate, in effect, are voting for distribution of undesignated monies.*

**REMINDER - ALL AGENCIES CAN GIVE ONLINE USING CFC NEXUS ([www.3riverscfc.org](http://www.3riverscfc.org))**

**REMINDER - CERTAIN AGENCIES CAN GIVE TO THE CFC THROUGH EMPLOYEE EXPRESS**

Comptroller of the Currency  
DOE - Office of Inspector General  
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission  
FAA  
Federal Executive Board  
Federal Railroad Administration  
Geological Survey  
GSA  
International Trade Administration

National Labor Relations Board  
National Credit Union Administration  
National Park Service of Western PA  
Office of Surface Mining  
Office of the Solicitor (Field)  
OPM  
Railroad Retirement Board  
Social Security Administration

Item	Gift Value	Helps Provide
A candy bar per week	\$52	One hour to training for wildlife protection.
A soft drink and chips per week	\$78	Three weeks of food for a battered mother and child.
A movie per month	\$144	Research to cure a disease.
One gallon of gasoline per week	\$195	Vaccinations for 500 refugee children.
A specialty coffee per week	\$208	15 nights of shelter for a homeless person.
A hamburger and fries per week	\$364	An electric wheelchair for an MS patient.

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## DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE "BETTY OR BERRY CROCKER"? JOIN THE BAKE OFF

The 3 Rivers/PA West CFC is hoping to host its first Bake Off **"COOKIES FOR CHARITY"** on November 20, 2012 and you are invited to be a contestant.

**We are seeking 8 bakers** to whip up their special cookie or dessert and enter the "Cookies for Charity" contest. All entries will receive a special gift. The winner will receive a wonderful prize and of course the sole title as **"Cookie Crocker"**.

To enter call Amy Ervin at 412-330-7667.



## Upcoming 3 Rivers/PA West CFC Events:

October 1 - December 1  
CFC Solicitation

January - (Date to be determined)  
CFC Awards Event

## HOW MUCH IS AN APPROPRIATE GIFT?

The appropriate gift is a matter of the person's conscience and resources. However, if guidance is requested, here are some suggestions:

- \$250 - \$449 – Silver level giver
- \$500 - \$749 – Gold level giver
- \$62.50 per month – Eagle Club giver
- \$83.34 per month – Golden Eagle Club giver
- Last Year's Local Average Annual Gift Was \$267.00 (\$22.25 per month)
- Last Year's National Average Annual Gift was \$284.00 (\$23.66 per month)

## 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

Dr. Anthony Cugini - National Energy Technology Laboratory

Co-Chair

Sharon Appel - OPM Boyers (ROC)

Co-Chair

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

George Buck - Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board

John "Casey" Lengyel - 911th AW

### LFCC MEMBERS

Lori Blauser - OPM Boyers (FIS)

Amy Friel Capretto - Veterans Affairs Butler

Penny Kaczmarkiewicz - VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

Shannon Kelley - Department of VA - Pittsburgh Regional Office

Jane Rahenkamp - U.S. Postal Service

Linda Reed - IRS-Pittsburgh Post of Duty

Janice Sauchin - National Labor Relations Board

Lt Col Brian Schill - 911th AW

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

Henrietta Burns-Weeded - IRS-Pittsburgh Post of Duty