



"50 YEARS OF CARING!"

October Newsletter 2011

And the winner is...

On Thursday, September 29th, the CFC held the fifth Federal Employee "Chili For Charity Chili Cook-off and Charity Fair". The event hosted 50 charities and 10 chili entries at the Moorhead Federal Building. The charities were delighted to meet and greet with more than 250 federal employees, talk about their mission and promote the CFC campaign.

Guests enjoyed snacks from the nacho bar from Acorn Foods, gifts from local entertainment venues, take-a-ways from the charity tables, and voted for their favorite chili. For photos, visit www.3riverscfc.org (photo tab)

This was a close competition! The 2011 King of the Kidney Bean is Carlyle Stokes of Knight Security!

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 2012 Chili Cook-off...Do I smell redemption?



Congratulations to our "King of the Kidney Bean" Carlyle Stokes of Knight Security. (Pictured with Michael Palus (left) of the U.S. District Court.)

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.

Campaign News

This year's campaign has begun! As of October 14th federal employees have raised \$54,670 with 201 donors. Thank you for your support!

Our goal is to raise \$1,125,000 for local, national and international charities by **12/1/11**. 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.

THANK YOU 2011 CORPORATE SPONSORS*

2011 GOLD EAGLE SPONSORS

Alligent 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

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Thank You 2011 Chili Chefs For Your Support!

Adam Whitacker - Small Business Administration
Adam's Eve'n Better Chili

Carlyle Stokes - Knight Security
Stokes Smoking Sausage Chili

Rich LoDuca - Goodwill Commercial Services
Bringin' the Heat

Cynthia Powell - CDC NIOSH
Devil's Ice Cream

Jennice Hill - U.S. Customs & Border Protection
Border Chili is Back

Rosa Doherty - U.S. Probation Office
El Toro Chili

Rufus Hewlett III - GSA
Rufus Sized Chili

Samuel Ray - DOL office of Federal Contract
Compliance Programs
Guatemalan Insanity Pepper Chili

Chris Galiotto - VA Regional Office
Return of the King!

Tammy Kirksey - 311th Recruiting Squadron/MEPS
Tammy's Green Chili

Congratulations to our second place winner Tammy Kirksey of the 311th Recruiting Squadron/MEPS and Best Table presentation Rich LoDuca of Goodwill Commercial Services.

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 or call **412-330-7667** to learn how they can apply to be part of the 2012 campaign.

Applications for the 2012 campaign will be available on-line the end of February and the deadline to apply is April 2012. Charities must be a 501c3.

CFC Golf Event - Recap

Despite the wet and cold weather, the CFC Golf event was a success with 132 attendees! Held on September 23rd at the beautiful Black Hawk Golf Course in Beaver Falls, golfers enjoyed morning coffee, snacks, CFC golf towels and a hot buffet dinner.

Golfers won various prizes, including an auto-graphed picture of Arnold Palmer, golf bags, supplies, gift certificates and other great gifts!

Special thanks to George Buck & Ginette Simpson for their dedication to the golf event. Ginette & George graciously volunteered their time to make the golf event a success and Ginette donated dozens of cookies to the CFC. Thank you Ginette!

Congratulations to the winners of the 2011 CFC Golf Outing!

Low Gross Winners: VAPHS

Terry Weightman
Mike Del Sota
Steve Miske
Jay Huatchison

Peoria Handicap First Flight Winners:

Wayne Rosenfelder
Tom Rosenfelder
Dave Sczymoniak
Lamont Taylor

Peoria Handicap Second Flight Winners:

James Gregory Bost
Josh Tannenbaum
Gregory Paryber
Bernardo Mandri

Interested in helping with the 2012 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, 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).

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 - 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 Deposit Insurance Corporation
Federal Executive Board
Federal Railroad Administration
Fort Necessity National Battlefield
Geological Survey

GSA
Internal Revenue Service
International Trade Administration
National Labor Relations Board
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	\$39	One hour to training for wildlife protection.
A soft drink and chips per week	\$72	Three weeks of food for a battered mother and child.
A movie per month	\$96	Research to cure a disease.
A specialty coffee per week	\$120	Fifteen nights of shelter for a homeless person.
A hamburger and fries per week	\$216	An electric wheelchair for an MS patient.
One gallon of gasoline per week	\$234	Vaccinations for 500 refugee children.

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171st Pennsylvania Air National Guard Announces Winner of its "King of the Giant Kidney Bean"

On Thursday, October 13th, the 171st PA Air National Guard hosted its third Chili Cook-Off and Charity Fair. With over 75 attendees and 20 charities, the event was a success.

Special thanks to all the 171st PA Air Guard Chili Cooks and volunteers.



Congratulations to First Place 171st Chili Winner Lindsey Duncan (Chef Hat) and thank you fellow chili cooks.

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:

- \$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 \$265.00 (\$22.08 per month)
- Last Year's National Average Annual Gift Was \$277.00 (\$23.08 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

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

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Co-Chair

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George Buck - Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board

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