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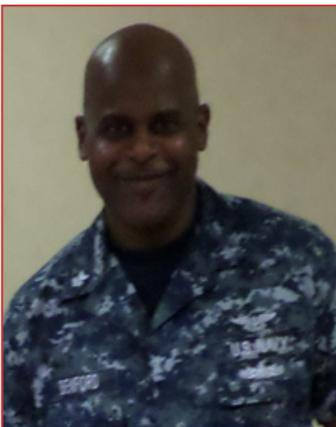
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### CHILI & SOUP OH MY! And the winner is...

On Tuesday, October 14th, the CFC held the 8th Federal Employee “Chili & Soup For Charity Cook-off and Charity Fair”. The event hosted 36 charities and a total of 8 chilies & soups at the Moorhead Federal Building. The charities were delighted to meet and greet with more than 175 federal employees, talk about their mission and promote the CFC campaign.

Guests enjoyed snacks from the nacho bar, take-a-ways from the charity tables, and celebrated kicking off the CFC season!

This year we had a panel of five judges to pick the Chili/Soup King or Queen! Special thanks to George Buck (FEB) John DuMont (DOL W&H) Jane Miller (HUD) Jose Diaz-Ortiz (FPS) and Judge Richard Morgan - OALJ



The 2014 King of the Kidney Bean is CI Karl Benford of the U.S. Navy Recruiting District Pittsburgh. (pictured)

The CFC would like to thank the charities, the wonderful chefs and all who attended the kick-off event.

This event allows the CFC to educate federal employees about the charities that do so much for our community, our families and our world. Giving is easy through CFC. Talk to your office CFC Campaign Manager for more information.

We hope to see you next year at the 2015 Chili Cook-off...Do I smell redemption?

### LETTER FROM THE CFC REGIONAL DIRECTOR

This year’s campaign has begun! As of October 17<sup>th</sup> federal employees have raised over \$42,769 with 150 donors. Thank you for your support and dedication in helping others in need.

Too often the campaign focus is on a financial goal. Achieving that goal is the measurement of success. While financial goals are important, they overshadow the true success of the campaign--making lives better, saving the environment, providing furry companionship, finding cures, and overcoming disaster.

Anyone who has survived an illness due to cutting edge research won’t know or care about a specific fundraising goal. They will be forever grateful that people saw a need and chose to make a difference. They will often spend the rest of their lives passing that extraordinary gift on to others by giving and volunteering themselves. This is authentic campaign success--what truly matters--it is giving when the need exists. So, this giving season, keep your perspective positive and put your focus where it belongs. It’s about the NEED.

As federal employees we have much to be grateful for. In an economy where many are struggling, we are among the fortunate. At a time when non-profit organizations are seeing a sharp rise in demand for their services their resources have declined, yet you can help. You can donate as little as \$1.00 a pay period (\$2.00 per pay if military). Your donation, no matter how small will make a difference.

To explore how, as a federal employee and individual, you can change the lives of others, visit [www.3riverscfc.org](http://www.3riverscfc.org) and visit the SEARCH TOOLS to see if your mission is part of the campaign. Please remember we ask that you wrap up your campaign around Thanksgiving, but our campaign ends 12/12/14 and we offer online giving through EEX, CFC NEXUS and MY PAY.

If you need assistance, a CFC directory or a donor form, or have any questions, please contact me. Thank you in advance for your generosity

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## THANK YOU 2014 CHILI & SOUP CHEFS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Terry O'Neil & Guests – 911th ARW  
JP8 With Lead

LS2 Connie Garcia - Navy Recruiting District  
Chili Chili Bang Bang

NCI Karl Benford - Navy Recruiting District  
Chicken Chili

Rufus Hewlett III - GSA  
Rufus Sized Chili

Christian Galiotto - VA Regional Office  
Troll Stew

Rich LoDuca - Goodwill Commercial Services  
Texan Heat

Jacqueline Kohnle & Laura Kohnle - IRS  
Pure Wedding Bliss

Andy Digiaimo - DOL - Wage & Hour Division  
Federal Chili



This year we offered a People's Choice award! Guests of the event tasted the chili and soups and voted for their favorite. This year's PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNER is 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](http://www.3riverscfc.org) or call **412-330-7667** to learn how they can apply to be part of the 2015 campaign.

Applications for the 2015 campaign will be available on-line the end of January and the deadline to apply is March 2015. Charities must be a 501c3.

## CFC GOLF EVENT - RECAP

What a beautiful day to golf! The CFC Golf event was a success with 112 attendees! Held on September 26th at the beautiful Blackhawk Golf Course in Beaver Falls, golfers enjoyed coffee, food, beverages, a CFC hot/cold pack and of course GOLF! Golfers won various prizes including golf items, gift cards, and more! And the CFC raised \$2,000 for charity!

Special thanks to George Buck, Tami Ivosevik, Barbara Doyle, Tricia Hoffman, Shelly Oesterling and Veronica Harris for their dedication to the golf event.

Congratulations to the 2014 Golf Winners:

Low Gross Winners: VA (pictured)

Terry Weightman  
Mike Delsota  
Stephen Miske  
Jay Hutchinson

First Flight Winners: OPM

Kenneth Zawodny  
Merton Miller  
Doug Simmons  
Brandon Simmons

Second Flight Winners: VA & U.S. Army

Harry L. Pollock  
Shawn R. Courson  
Mike Meade  
Joshua Stumpf

\*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 2015 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.*

**SAVE A TREE! MAKE YOUR DONATION THROUGH EEX, MYPAY OR CFC NEXUS!**

**NEXUS - ALL AGENCIES CAN MAKE A DONATION ONLINE USING CFC NEXUS**

([www.3riverscfc.org](http://www.3riverscfc.org))

**EMPLOYEE EXPRESS - CERTAIN AGENCIES CAN MAKE A DONATION THROUGH EEX**

**MYPAY- ALL DFAS AGENCIES CAN MAKE A DONATION THROUGH MYPAY**

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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## Top 10 Reasons CFC Works For You

1. It's your campaign.
2. The CFC is like a department store for charities (24,000+ 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.

## 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 - \$649 – Silver level giver
- \$650 - \$999 – Gold level giver
- \$83.34 per month – Golden Eagle Club giver
- Last Year's Local Average Annual Gift Was \$316.00 (\$26.33 per month)
- Last Year's National Average Annual Gift Was \$322.00 (\$26.83 per month)

## ANNOUNCING OUR 2014 CORPORATE SPONSORS\*

### 2014 GOLD EAGLE SPONORS

Allegent Community Federal Credit Union

### 2014 EAGLE SPONORS

BlueCross BlueShield - Federal Employee Program

### 2014 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.

## 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

George Buck - Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board

Henrietta Burns-Weeden - IRS-Pittsburgh Post of Duty

### LFCC MEMBERS

Sharon Appel - OPM Boyers (ROC)

Lovetta Ford - VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

Shannon Kelley - Department of VA - Pittsburgh Regional Office

Joyce Voynick - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

### HONORARY NON VOTING MEMBERS

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.

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