



Heartland Combined Federal Campaign

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Dates to Remember:

- **October 1, 2008**
2008 CFC Campaign Begins (Suggested Date)
- **October 13, 2008**
CFC Championship Golf Tournament
- **November 12, 2008**
2008 Campaign Ends (Suggested Date)

CFC Kick-off— Dare to Care—A Hero Lies Within You

With a crowd of over 1,200 federal employees in attendance, the 2008 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) was kicked off on September 24th.

The event was held at the Illus Davis Park in downtown Kansas City, featuring the city's largest charity fair, fun, food and excitement. The purpose of the event is to launch the CFC annual cam-

paign and help raise awareness about local charities

Federal employees enjoyed warm weather and blue skies, after a rainy night, lunch from Fritz's Barbeque, a t-shirt and viewing the information provided by the CFC organizations and agencies. The annual Hero Games brought competition with the General Services Administration team bringing home the trophy.

Emceeding the event was Bryan Busby from KMBC-TV 9 gave employees words of wisdom about the importance of CFC. This was followed by presentations from FEB Chair Romell Cooks, CFC Co-Chair Dave Ragan and a testimonial from GSA employee John Ster. This is indeed a year for the Hero in each of us to step up.



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Employee Recognition
Heartland CFC & partners would like to recognize and reward your kindness by offering discounts everyday.



Details at www.heartlandcfc.org

What's New in 2008? - Employee Express

This year many federal agencies (see list at the end) and employees are eligible to pledge online through Employee Express.

CFC-EEX E-Pledge offers employees in specified agencies the choice of making a CFC payroll deduction pledge on-line through Employee Express (EEX). Employee Express is a convenient, user-friendly automated system that gives employees direct control over key payroll and personnel information without having to use forms or visit a personnel or payroll office.

CFC-EEX is not mandatory for CFC pledges. CFC-EEX is another option for the Federal donor in agencies using EEX (see the list to the right)

Offices are able to use in 2008:

- Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- Consumer Product Safety Commission
- Department of Education
- Department of the Interior
- Department of Transportation
- Department of the Treasury
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
- General Services Administration
- International Trade Commission
- National Archives & Records Administration
- National Labor Relations Board
- Office of Personnel Management
- Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp
- Railroad Retirement Board
- Small Business Administration



Your CFC Donations— There’s No Place Like Home

For 83 year-old Leonard LaForte, this couldn’t be more true. Leonard has lived in the same Raytown home for more than 50 years, and he wouldn’t have it any other way.

Despite tough times and the pressure to move to assisted living, Leonard refused to move from the place that held so many fond memories. “We are much more comfortable living here in our own home, where we’re familiar with the surroundings,” he said. “They say a man’s home is his castle and for me it really is true. This house is the only home I’ve ever owned and I plan to live here for as long as I’m around.”

Everything has not been easy since Leonard’s retirement. Bernice, his first wife of 44 years, died of ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease). Leonard underwent two open heart surgeries; suffers from high blood pressure and diabetes, and is legally blind.

The help from Heartland CFC Charities allows Leonard and his second wife, Magdalena, to continue the memories in their home. Volunteers from Shepherd’s Center of Raytown’s handyman program have helped Magdalena and Leonard fix things in their home. In addition, the Center’s Meals on Wheels program delivers lunch to the couple five days a week. And once, when Magdalena was afraid to drive to the

doctor because of road construction along the way, she called on the Center’s Wheels that Care program. The volunteer drove here to the doctor, sat in the waiting room during her appointment and brought her back home.

This is just one example of how charities help people in our area.



Why CFC – “As I See It - From One Federal Employee to Another” *R. Stewart Bent, SSA*



Many of you recognize the acronym CFC and associate it with the government’s yearly drive to help various charitable organizations.

Each year, federal employees from the President down to the various command executives and leaders speak out and/or release messages of their support for the CFC Campaign.

For 2008 I am also expressing my strong support for the CFC campaign and asking you to participate how ever possible Here are some reasons why:

- A shelter for battered women closed –due to lack of funds
- Many of the disaster relief agencies are struggling, financially devastated by monies spent to aid so many people this year as a result of numerous hurricanes, horrific tornadoes, and floods that have impacted the Midwest
- Food Pantries have seen requests for services rise over 40%.
- There are 2,700 reasons on the charity list this year—to share and give back to society—as we benefit from decent paying jobs

I encourage each and every one of you to at least visit the CFC Website– www.heartlandcfc.org and find out what CFC is really all about, who it helps, and the advantages of payroll deduction. If you have never contributed before—please consider checking the CFC website to see what just \$1.00 or more a WEEK (14 cents a day) will do to help others.

Facts have shown that one in every three will benefits from CFC within the next five year, make a difference in someone’s life this year. *Dare to Care - A Hero Lies Within You*

Coming Soon

6th Annual CFC Championship Golf Tournament

- Where:** Creekmore Golf Club in Raymore
- When:** Monday, October 13, 2008
- Time:** Check-in 10:00 am, Shotgun Start at 11:00
- Who:** All Players Welcome
- Why:** Fun, Food & Prizes

This is a two tiered four-person scramble tournament:

1st Tier: Pits the winners of individual federal agency golf tournament as qualifiers to the championship.

2nd Tier: Open tournament for all employees

For more information, go to:
www.heartlandcfc.org

