



Heartland Combined Federal Campaign

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Dates to Remember:

- **November 30, 2008**
Dead Line to enter Cruise Giveaway
- **January 21, 2009**
Awards Breakfast
- **June 6, 2009**
2009 Day of Caring

For more details go to www.heartlandcfc.org

Searching for Heroes –There is still time to help

As the CFC Campaign enters it's final days, charities still need your help.

They depend on your kindness and generosity to serve the many needs of their clients through the year. As the holiday season begins you will see the red buckets and receive many requests for charity. Thank you for supporting those causes and the work that they provide.

Please remember that your payroll pledges to these same charities help support them throughout the year. Donations through CFC lower their fundraising costs and make it possible for them to budget for the coming months. Truly your donation is year around.

Please take a moment and complete your pledge card and turn it in as soon as possible.

We don't have to tell you there are many people who need our help this year. The local referral hotline is receiving 3,500 calls a week from individuals with needs. These are not people asking for a hand out, but a hand up. They are looking for that hope and that hero.

When you Dare to Care, you will find that Hero inside you.



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Win a Caribbean Cruise
You are automatically entered when you turn in your completed pledge card.



Details on your pledge card or at www.heartlandcfc.org

What's New in 2008? - What's Not New

What is NEW? Maybe we could say -- The extent, breath, and depth of the challenges each and every one of us face this year in the 2008 Combined Federal Campaign.

All of these things that some folks may think are **NEW** are some of the challenges this country has under gone since 1961 -- when CFC first began soliciting for funds. From that year and ever since -- Federal Employees have always been there in times of need -- giving and sharing what they can -- to those less fortunate.

I think we should also talk about what is NOT NEW -- and that is the historical caring and sharing, the compassion and giving of Federal Employees -- even in these hardest of times.

I think we should talk about what we as Federal Employees are doing -- right now and through the end of this campaign. The 2008 CFC Campaign is no different -- people are in need and we can help.

Although our Federal Employees may be a little slower to fill out those pledge cards or provide those cash/check donations this year - they **STILL** recognize the hardships our communities (i.e., people, pets, seniors, etc, -- the 2,700 approved charitable organizations) are faced with during these hard times.

Federal Employees understand that we still have our decent paying jobs and that we can contribute through the year through payroll deduction.

- How about giving just a little more than you did last year?
- If you have never given anything to CFC before, please contribute this year (that would be new).
- Please remember the needs have never been greater -- that is new.
- Everyone is asking for your help -- please give through CFC -- it is a better way.

Your CFC Donations - Finding a Family That Loves You

What do you tell a child who's been deaf for most of his life, neglected, abused and forced to move from one foster home to another because he didn't fit in?

Tim Sturgeon was born into a poverty stricken family in Kansas. He lost his hearing at the age of 18 months from Spinal Meningitis. His family didn't have money for doctors, special schools or speech therapy. The water from the farm's well was brownish water and they couldn't afford to haul in fresh water, so Tim never brushed his teeth and only bathed once a week or so. He was sent home from school numerous times because of head lice -- until the state finally intervened, placing Tim in foster care when he was eight years old.

Tim spent the next eight years in the Kansas' foster care system, moving 17 different times until an Olathe couple, Bob and Teri Sturgeon, decided to become foster parents. Teri was fluent in sign language. The Sturgeon's underwent 12 weeks of training through the TLC for Children's Foster Care and Adoption program. Working in partnership with the Kansas Children's Service League, Tim was placed into the Sturgeons' home.

After moving in with the Sturgeons, Tim was enrolled into the Kansas State School for the Deaf in Olathe. It was the best thing that could have happened to him. Tim became immersed in the "deaf culture" and for the first time in years,

was able to effectively communicate with his caregivers, teachers and peers. And something else happened. The Sturgeons fell in love with Tim and they have adopted him.

At the age of 15, like most boys his age, Tim isn't sure what he wants to study in school, but he thinks he'd like to be a veterinarian some day. One thing Tim does know for sure...he loves his new family and feels

happy and safe for the first time in years.



Why CFC – Because Of The Faces I See Everyday - by Nadine Johnson

Most anyone who has been a CFC Coordinator or Canvasser can probably recite the three main benefits for why one should consider donating through the CFC: accountability, donor choice, and convenience of payroll deduction. But for me, a 17 year veteran of the FDA, I support the CFC for an additional reason – the faces of my family.

My father too had been a long time US Government Employee. For the latter third of his life, he battled Multiple Sclerosis. I was his sole family caregiver for his last 3+ years. If it wasn't for the help and support I received from Kansas City Hospice and the MS Society, I could not have ensured his quality of care and quality of life.

The faces around me who have been helped by a CFC funded agency are so numerous. Whether it be an Aunt who succumbed to breast cancer, an Uncle with Alzheimer's, siblings with diabetes, or even my own daughter

who had development delays as a toddler and received speech and occupational therapy for many years, I think of those dear to me and do not hesitate to offer assistance to others.

Currently I am active with both the Girl Scouts and the Cub Scouts. The life lessons my children learn through these organizations are so valuable! We are also members of the YMCA and go swimming almost every weekend. Other faces I see on a daily basis who have been affected by CFC supported agencies are my lovable pets. Animal shelters are always in need of our support.

I am grateful to the many charitable organizations that have been able to support and assist my family through life's challenges. Please find your "face" and support the CFC. (Nadine works for FDA in Lenexa, KS)

Coming Soon

**Mark your calendars now for the
48th Annual CFC Awards Ceremony!**

Finding the Heroes in All of Us!

Wednesday, January 21, 2009
Hilton Garden Inn – Reardon Center

Kansas City, KS

Come help celebrate the Super Heroes of the
2008 Heartland CFC campaign.

SUPER HEROES