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SUBJECT: PER – 2012 COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN (CFC)

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PURPOSE. To inform all employees of the 2012 Combined Federal Campaign drive.

EXPIRATION DATE. September 30, 2014

This year's campaign theme is "Give a Little. Help a Lot." Today, as you dream, think about what America means to her people – opportunity, a living heritage, natural wonders, and a passion for freedom. You'll see the snowcapped peaks of Alaska to the sandy shores of the Atlantic. In these images, you'll find the nation we call home. But, somewhere in America a child is looking for food and there is none, a single mother is looking for somewhere to sleep, a family is struggling with an out-of-control child, and a child requires special education but can't afford it.

You can support all types of charities – large or small, new or old, local, national or international. You can support what you think is most important – services, research, education, advocacy. It took years to win this right to choose.

Some might believe that one person's gift is not enough to change the world. But the power to affect change rests in the strength in numbers that federal employees can harness, through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), to improve people's lives. Imagine the example we set when we come together in this good cause.

You could really see the CFC's impact on charities last fall, when giving fell by several million dollars. In response, many charities had to make big cuts in their services, despite a big increase in demand for their help. We know it is hard to keep giving, especially with no raises. But there are countless charities and people who depend on CFC donors.

Please give what you can to the 2012 Northern Lights Combined Federal Campaign-through payroll deduction or a one-time gift.

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The state of Iowa is split into three different CFC campaigns. Please click on the link below to see the boundaries of each campaign. **If you are not located in one of the counties designated for the Northern Lights campaign you will need to access the campaign that covers your location.**

The link to show the three CFC campaigns in Iowa:

<http://apps.opm.gov/CampaignLocator/CampaignLocator.cfm?state=IA>

The link for the Northern Lights campaign:

<http://www.northernlightscfc.org/>

The link to view the Northern Lights booklet:

http://www.northernlightscfc.org/pdf/2012_Coordinator_Handbook.pdf

If you decide to pledge online you must use **CFC Nexus**. You will need to register the first time you use it. The Northern Lights campaign website also offers the ability to make a credit card donation online.

Here is a video that shows some of the recipients of the CFC and how giving to the CFC provides benefits for those in need:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aNwB9vrzpnU>

Attached is a list that shows what your donation to the CFC can provide.

The organization Paws & Effect (paws-effect.org) will be providing a presentation at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 5, in Rooms 693A & B. They raise, train, and provide service dogs to help individuals with special needs. They will be bringing a service dog, Traverse, who is in training and will be placed in March of 2013. Please join us for refreshments and to hear about this special organization.

Cindy Slagle is the CFC Coordinator for the NRCS in Iowa. If you have any questions please contact her at (515) 323-2250 or at cindy.slagle@ia.usda.gov. If you would like a hard copy of the booklet or pledge form please contact Cindy. She has a limited number of hard copy booklets as they are encouraging everyone to donate online. As always, participation in the CFC is strictly voluntary.

Richard Bednark, Jr., ACTING

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State Conservationist

Attachment

DOLLAR STATEMENTS

One-Time

- \$2.45 one meal for a homeless person
- \$13.00 one night of food and shelter
- \$25.00 hat and gloves to help a homeless adult or teen survive the cold
- \$25.00 for a gift card to a family for emergency grocery money
- \$30.00 one hour of outreach time to connect with youth on the streets
- \$30.00 initial vaccinations and exam for a rescued animal
- \$50.00 care for 4 rescued animals for one day
- \$50.00 purchases two scout uniform shirts with patches
- \$60.00 2 hours of counseling and case management to avoid a youth becoming homeless
- \$63.00 Three hours of caregiver respite to someone providing full-time care for an elderly parent or spouse
- \$75.00 a voucher for someone taking a GED test
- \$85.00 a month bus pass or a gas card for women who are employed/going to school
- \$100.00 one-month supply of hygiene products for four homeless adults
- \$100.00 three months Heartguard and Frontline for a rescued dog
- \$100.00 covers the cost of one combat veteran's week-long stay at Camp Dodge for assistance dog placement course
- \$100.00 will send two disadvantaged youth to a weekend scout camp
- \$135.00 outreach, counseling, medical care and basic needs assistance for a teen who's been living on the streets
- \$150.00 provide crisis counseling, meals, and a night off the street for one youth
- \$175.00 will provide the full scouting program to one youth for a year
- \$250.00 comprehensive medical exam for a child in an emergency shelter
- \$250.00 covers the cost of 2 tests for cervical cancer
- \$250.00 one week of preschool program for 3- and 4-year olds in emergency shelter
- \$250.00 covers the cost of spaying or neutering 5 rescue animals
- \$400.00 rental assistance to one woman for a month
- \$455.00 three meals a day for a month for a homeless mother and her child
- \$500.00 subsidizes the first month's rent and provides kitchen and bath supplies for a youth
- \$500.00 provides 25 hours of case management for homeless individuals.
- \$1,000.00 enough to get seven young people off the street and connected with crisis counseling and basic needs supplies
- \$1,344.00 one night of housing for 42 women at a shelter
- \$2,500.00 provides the care for 14 rescued animals during their entire stay
- \$5,000.00 pays a year's worth of rent subsidies and basic needs assistance to get a homeless young person started in his/her own apartment
- \$5,000.00 covers food for 6 rescued horses for one year
- \$5,200.00 Moves a family quickly out of a shelter and into stable housing with supportive services for up to six months
- \$40,000.00 50 people donating \$30/pp would help provide food security and agriculture for South Sedan

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- \$2.00 (\$52) shelter for 2 abandoned animals
- \$2.00 (\$52) school supplies for disadvantaged high school student
- \$2.00 (\$52) provides bedding for a family coping with domestic violence and moving to safe, stable housing
- \$2.00 (\$26) delivers 16 meals to older adults allowing them to remain healthy and independent
- \$2.00 (\$52) helps an individual with mental illness move from crisis to stability and independence.
- \$4.00 (\$104) Provides the fuel for a blood mobile to be on the road for one day
- \$5.00 (\$130) Pays the utility bill for one month for a family of a child battling cancer
- \$6.00 (\$156) provides 15 nutritious meals for a family of four
- \$6.00 (\$156) provides rides for 35 elders to get to medical appointments or the grocery store
- \$10.00 (\$260) After-school program for 1 child with disabilities
- \$10.00 (\$260) Meals and social outreach to 2 low-income seniors
- \$10.00 (\$260) A wish to a child with a life-threatening medical condition
- \$10.00 (\$260) Provides respiratory treatment for 1 1/2 days to help a premature baby breathe more easily
- \$10.00 (\$260) provides a new book weekly throughout school year for a student to keep and build literacy
- \$25.00 (\$650) Specialized in-home care to 1 terminally ill person
- \$25.00 (\$650) Food, shelter and clothing to 2 homeless children
- \$25.00 (\$650) provides a job training program participant with
- \$30.00 (\$780) gives a family safety and stability after fleeing abuse
- \$40.00 (\$1040) provides 50 preschool classrooms with toothbrushes and toothpaste to support healthy habits