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Federal Workforce in WA State and North Idaho Launches 60th Anniversary Charity Drive to Help Local Federal Employees *Be the Face of Change*

Seattle, WA, Oct. 7, 2021 – Cascadia Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the official workplace giving campaign of the federal government covering Washington State and Northern Idaho, has kicked off for 2021. The CFC is one of the largest and most successful workplace fundraising campaigns in the world, with a mission to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

We are celebrating 60 years of giving this year! Since then, members of the federal community have contributed more than \$8.5 billion to help those in need locally, across the nation, and throughout the world. In 2020, federal employees and retirees pledged more than \$83.5 million in monetary pledges and volunteer time for local, national, and international charities. These pledges help people and communities in need and reflect the generous nature of the federal community.

“Despite recent challenges and turmoil, the steadfastness of the federal community has been inspiring,” said Cascadia CFC Zone Director Fil Baloca. “At the same time, nonprofit organizations face increased demand for their services responding to increased needs in the past year. The CFC is our opportunity to come to their aid.”

Launching a new theme to help federal employees understand that they can *Be the Face of Change* in their communities, the 2021 campaign encourages federal employees to join the CFC community and help those in need by taking one or more of the following actions:

- **GIVE.** Give through payroll deduction or a one-time gift.
- **VOLUNTEER.** Pledge volunteer hours as an additional way to support the impactful work of local, national, and international charities.
- **ENGAGE.** *Be the Face of Change* by submitting your selfie through the [CFC website](#) and get involved with the campaign.

New legislation in 2021 allows taxpayers to deduct \$300 (\$600 for married couples) in qualified charitable donations even when taking the standard deduction. Federal employees are encouraged to go beyond their call to public service by contributing to the thousands of CFC charities that work to improve the quality of life for all. Federal retirees can give via their annuity, and if they need to take a required minimum distribution from a retirement account, the CFC can help with that too.

Donors are encouraged to *Be the Face of Change* at [GiveCFC.org](#) and share their cause on social media with the hashtag #BeTheFaceofChange.

About the Combined Federal Campaign

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is a 60-year federal workplace giving tradition that has raised more than \$8.5 billion for charitable organizations. The CFC is one of the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaigns, with 36 CFC zones throughout the country and overseas raising millions of dollars each year. The funds raised each fall through the campaign help those in need locally, across the nation, and throughout the world. The Combined Federal Campaign of Cascadia is the local campaign for federal employees and retirees in the Washington State and Northern Idaho area. **Through the contributions of federal civilian, military, and postal employees and retirees, the Cascadia CFC campaign generated more than \$1.86 million in 2020 for the thousands of participating local, national, and international charities.** For more information, visit <https://cascadiacfc.givecfc.org/>. Connect with the campaign on social media via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

Charities can apply to participate in the CFC between December 2021 and late January 2022 at <https://cfccharities.opm.gov>.

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