

Carriers encouraged to give through CFC

As federal employees, letter carriers can make charitable donations through the world's largest annual workplace giving program, the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), through deductions from our paychecks.

"Letter carriers are known for taking care of our communities," NALC President Fredric Rolando said. "The CFC is a convenient way for letter carriers to support their favorite charities."

Pledges made by donors during the campaign season support eligible non-profit organizations chosen by the donor.

This year, CFC is making it easier for all federal employees to donate online and giving federal retirees an easy option for donating through deductions from their annuities.

To facilitate these changes, the campaign dates have been moved to later than past years. Federal and postal employees may designate the organizations they want to support from Oct. 2 through Jan. 12.

Carriers can choose the charity or group of charities they want to support from a list of more than 2,000 eligible charities, and an amount they choose will be deducted from their paychecks each pay period and automatically sent to each charity.

"The combined effort of letter carriers and other federal employees makes a huge difference to the charities that support our communities each year," Rolando said.

All letter carriers can participate in the CFC. In a letter, Rolando asked NALC members to contribute through the CFC in addition to the other ways they support the community.

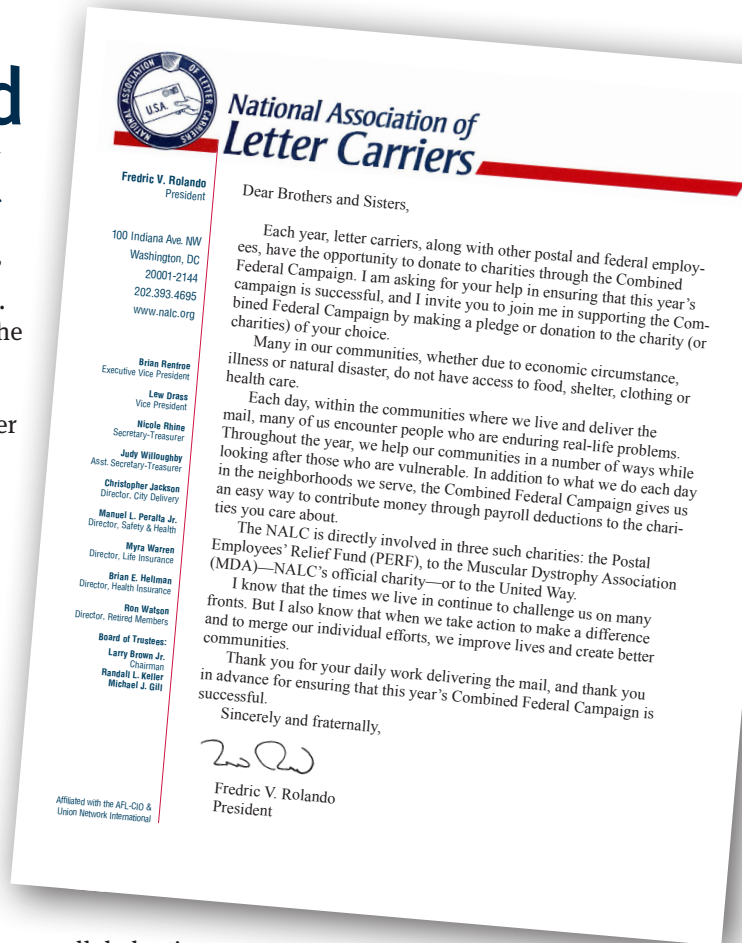
"Each day, within the communities where we live and deliver the mail, many of us encounter people who are

enduring real-life problems," Rolando wrote. "Throughout the year, we help our communities in a number of ways while looking after those who are vulnerable.

In addition to what we do each day in the neighborhoods we serve, the Combined Federal Campaign gives us an easy way to contribute money through payroll deductions to the charities you care about."

NALC is directly involved in three such charities:

The Postal Employees' Relief Fund (PERF) provides financial support to postal employees whose homes are damaged or destroyed by natural disasters, such as Hurricanes Harvey and Irma (for more on Hurricane Harvey, see page 4). The charity is run by the four postal employee unions and three management organizations, whose members support PERF through voluntary donations. PERF grants money to homeowners and renters alike to help with deductibles and out-of-pocket expenses that insurance claims don't cover, and to assist with replacement of lost property and temporary housing. Information and applications for PERF assistance can be found at postalrelief.com.



The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is NALC's only official charity. It is the world's leading non-profit health organization sponsoring research into the causes of, and effective treatments for, neuromuscular diseases. MDA research grants support about 150 research projects worldwide, as well as camps and activities for children who have one of these diseases. For more information, go to mdausa.org.

United Way Worldwide is the leadership and support organization for the network of nearly 1,800 community-based United Ways in 40 countries and territories. The United Way's focus is creating community-based and community-led solutions that strengthen the cornerstones for a good quality of life: education, financial stability and health. For more information, go to unitedway.org. **PR**