

Carriers encouraged to give through CFC

As letter carriers, we contribute to our communities in many ways, on and off the clock. One way we do so is through the world's largest annual workplace giving program, the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

As federal employees, letter carriers can participate in the CFC to make charitable donations via deductions from our paychecks. Letter carriers may sign up to make donations through CFC next year during its open season, Sept. 9, 2019, through Jan. 12, 2020.

Pledges made during the campaign season support eligible non-profit organizations chosen by the donor. Carriers can choose what groups they want to support from a list of more than 2,000 eligible charities, and an amount of their choosing will be deducted from their paychecks each pay period and automatically sent to their selected charities.

"These charities count on the support of federal employees, including letter carriers, every year through CFC," NALC President Rolando said.

All active letter carriers can participate in the CFC. The easiest way to sign up is through the CFC Online Donation System at cfcgiving.opm.gov.

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 we care about."

NALC is directly involved in three such charities:

The **Postal Employees' Relief Fund (PERF)** provides financial support to active and retired postal employees whose primary residence has been completely destroyed or left uninhabitable by a major natural disaster or an isolated house fire. The charity is run by the four postal employee unions and three management organizations, whose members support PERF through voluntary donations. 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 mda.org.

United Way Worldwide is the leadership and support organization for the network of nearly 1,800 community-based United Way organizations in 40 countries and territories. United Way focuses on 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**

