

Combined Federal Campaign ends Jan. 12

The opportunity for letter carriers to contribute through the world's largest and most successful workplace charitable giving drive, the Combined Federal Campaign, is almost up. The last day of Open Season for federal employees to register to participate is Jan. 12.

During Open Season, employees may make pledges to the eligible non-profit organizations of their choosing. The CFC uses paycheck deductions to allow carriers to conveniently make regular charitable donations.

Carriers can choose which organizations to donate to from a list of more than 2,000 eligible charities. After those selections are made, carriers may then specify their desired donation amount for each organization; that amount will be automatically deducted from their paychecks every pay period and sent to the charities.

If retired letter carriers choose to donate, they will follow the same steps but will have their selected amount deducted from their annuity payments.

Three charities on the CFC list have ties to NALC:

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is NALC's only official charity. It is the world's leading non-profit health organization sponsoring research, treatments and improved technological assistance for individuals with neuromuscular diseases. MDA research grants support about 150 research projects worldwide, as well as camps and activities for children with neuromuscular diseases. For more information, go to mda.org.

The Postal Employees' Relief Fund (PERF) provides small relief grants to assist active and retired postal employees whose primary residence has been destroyed or left uninhabit-



able by a major natural disaster or house fire. The fund helps qualifying victims re-establish residence and replenish necessities in the aftermath of these disasters. The charity is run by the four postal employee unions and the three management organizations—their members support PERF through voluntary donations. Information and applications for assistance from PERF can be found at postalrelief.com.

United Way Worldwide is the leadership and support organization for the network of nearly 1,800 community-based United Way organizations. The program spans 40 countries and territories, and focuses on using community-driven solutions to increase access to developmental cornerstones such as education, financial stability and health. For more information, go to unitedway.org.

The simplest way to sign up to contribute is through the CFC Online Donation System at opm.gov/showsomelovecfc. **PR**