Last call to sign up for CFC

t's not too late to sign up to support the charity of your choice through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) in 2022, but time is running out—the campaign season goes through Jan. 15.

As federal employees, letter carriers can support charities of their choice by donating through the CFC, the world's largest annual workplace giving program. CFC participants make charitable donations via deductions from their paychecks. Active employees can use payroll deduction, credit or debit cards, or bank accounts to make recurring donations. They also may make a one-time donation using any of these methods (except payroll deduction). Employees also can volunteer for the charity and count the value of the hours.

"This year, communities are struggling to recover from the economic crisis and a stubborn COVID-19 virus," NALC President Fredric Rolando wrote in a letter to members. "The pandemic and the economic difficulties it caused strained the resources of many charitable groups, making your support so much more important. I am asking for your help in ensuring that this year's campaign is successful, and I invite you to join me in supporting the Combined Federal Campaign by making a pledge or donation to the charities of your choice."

NALC is directly involved in three charities eligible for support through the CFC:

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is NALC's only official charity. In addition to supporting MDA through branch fundraising events, letter carriers may support the organization directly through the CFC. MDA 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 research projects worldwide, as well as camps and activities for children who have one of these diseases. For more information, go to mdausa.org.

- The Postal Employees' Relief Fund (PERF) provides financial support to active and retired postal employees whose primary residence has been 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.
- 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 provide the foundation for a good quality of life. For more information, go to unitedway.org.

All active letter carriers can participate in the CFC through payroll deduction. The easiest way to sign up is through the CFC Donor Pledging System at cfcgiving.opm.gov or through the CFC Giving smartphone app, available on the App Store and Google Play. Retired letter carriers may make a one-time or recurring e-check or credit card contribution to the CFC. These one-time and recurring gifts also can be made through the CFC Donor Pledging System. PR