**FROM:**  Department/Agency Leadership

**TO:**  All Employees

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As public servants, you see firsthand the dedication, professionalism, and generous nature of our Federal community. These attributes extend beyond our employment into our annual participation in a Federal tradition: the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The CFC’s online pledging system opens on Sept. 1 and will remain open until Jan. 14.

The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing Federal employees and retirees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all. President Kennedy formalized the CFC with an Executive Order in 1961. Since its inception, the CFC has raised nearly $8.7 billion for charities and people in need.

**These CFC pledges make a real and meaningful difference to a countless number of individuals throughout our communities, the nation, and the world.**

Last year, Federal employees heard the urgent call to action and responded by giving generously from their hearts – donating more than $70 million. Right here in [DEPT/AGENCY], employees pledged [AMOUNT].

**With your help, we can surpass this**.

If you have pledged before, the online giving platform makes it quick and easy to renew your gift. If you are new to the CFC, talk to your Keyworker or visit [**GiveCFC.org**](https://givecfc.org/) to learn how you can join the community. I encourage you to give it a try – just $5 per paycheck to your favorite charity makes a big difference. There are countless causes to choose from and multiple ways to pledge. Your gift remains anonymous unless you choose otherwise, and the contributions you make will support charities through unrestricted funds, helping them respond wherever the need is the greatest.