

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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Dear Fellow Federal Employees:

As the Honorary Chair of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), I am delighted to invite all of you to take part in this year's annual giving drive and to thank those at home and abroad who have already stepped forward and made their donations.

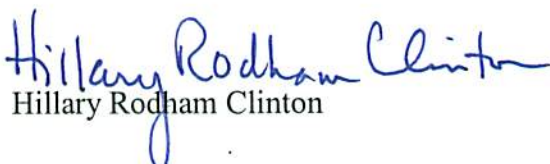
Since the CFC's inception in 1961, federal employees have raised over \$6 billion in support of thousands of worthy charities throughout the country and around the world. In my prior work as First Lady and as Senator, and now as Secretary of State, I have seen communities on every continent bound by poverty, crippled by hunger, and plagued by treatable illnesses. At the same time I have witnessed firsthand the incredible capacity charitable organizations possess to combat these challenges and make a real difference in the lives of people and communities across the globe.

The CFC is the only authorized workplace giving program created and run by federal workers, and together, our potential giving power is impressive. If you have contributed in the past, you know how rewarding this program is, and if you have never contributed, now is a great time to start!

We are reaching the midway point of our campaign, only a few weeks shy of the closing date for this year's pledges, and your support at this time is crucial. In this tough economic climate, charities are working harder than ever, even as their own budgets are shrinking. By making a contribution to the CFC, you are giving charitable organizations the precious resources they need to help make lasting progress toward their missions. Best of all, the CFC allows each of us to direct our donations to the causes that mean the most to us personally. To help thousands of worthy charities meet their growing needs you can issue your support by visiting your local CFC website and making a onetime contribution or a payroll deduction.

If this is your first opportunity to participate in the CFC, I urge you to join our extraordinary community. If you are a loyal donor, I thank you for the difference you have already made. Each and every day the men and women of the federal government work to make a lasting difference in people's lives, and I am counting on your compassion and generosity to help others who are working to do the same.

Sincerely,


Hillary Rodham Clinton