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SOUTH POTOMAC PILOT

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Potomac CFC set to kickoff

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As summer ends, some things are sure signs of a new season approaching. School kids return to class, football season begins and temperatures drop. The thermometer near main gate, however, doesn't measure the falling temps.

If all goes as planned, that thermometer will reach 390,000 – dollars that is. The Combined Federal Campaign, a program that allows federal employees to donate to a choice of over 2,000 charities, returns in September.

This year's CFC will kick off on Sept. 15 with two events. The first will take place from 7:30 – 9 a.m. on the parking lot across from bldg. 14501, near C Gate. This event will include free light breakfast for all attendees. Several charitable agencies from the CFC campaign will be in attendance with information and giveaways.

The second kickoff event will be held from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. on the Parade Field. The event will include free lunch while it lasts, entertainment from the Blue Steel Jazz Group of King George High School, and a BBQ cook-off with prizes for competitors. Charitable organizations will also be present with info and giveaways for visitors.

Participants at both events will be encouraged to donate to the campaign, which is managed and monitored by the Office of Personnel Management, and is the only legal way for outside organizations to raise funds at government facilities. All charities included in the campaign are vetted

employees may donate through payroll deduction, or make a one-time donation. Each pledge card has space to list the code number of several charities, and employees can choose how much of their donation goes to each, or if they prefer, a full donation to one charity. Payroll-deducted donations will begin in January of 2010.

The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all. CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, with more than 300 CFC campaigns throughout the country and internationally to help to raise millions of dollars each year. Pledges made by Federal civilian, postal and military donors during the campaign season (Sept. 1 to Dec. 15) support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human services benefits throughout the world. The Director of OPM has designated to the Office of CFC Operations responsibility for day-to-day management of the CFC.

For more information on registering for the BBQ cook-off or the CFC campaign, contact (866) 359-5540 or (540) 653-1524.



through OPM and must meet particular criteria to be included.

Keyworkers within each command will distribute pledge cards and brochures to their fellow employees in September. Employees will then have until Dec. 15 to complete the card and return it to their keyworker. Military and civilian DoD