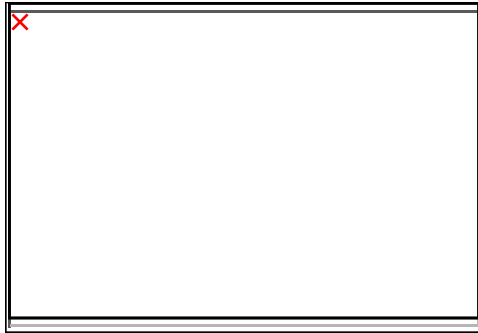


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The winds are getting chillier, the days are getting shorter, and the thermometers have appeared on the digital signs, which can only mean one thing-- it's time for the 2015 Combined Federal Campaign.

The CFC, which will run at Carlisle Barracks from Nov. 9 through Dec. 11 enables community members to contribute to more than 2,000 local, national and international health, welfare and emergency relief organizations.

From Water for the People to the Armed Forces Foundation and the National Domestic Violence Hotline, donors can decide where they want their contribution to go. Contributions not directed toward a specific organization will be split up between all organizations.

A big change for this year is that all donations are made online at www.cfc-eastpa-southnj.org

The program works on a bi-weekly payroll deduction, and participants can donate any amount over \$1.00 per pay period. Participants have the option to select which agencies they wish to contribute to. Any federal employee may contribute to the program by check, cash or payroll deduction.

These charities range from military, veteran and patriotic organizations to human and civil rights organizations to environmental organizations to religious and cultural organizations.

To receive CFC funds, organizations must meet strict standards – they must have tax-exempt non-profit status; they must provide service, benefits or assistance to activities that promote human well-being; they must spend no more than 25 percent of their revenue on fundraising; and they must not disclose the names of CFC contributors, among other rules.

The Combined Federal Campaign is designed, specifically, to present many opportunities to affect the “greater good.” The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank is one of them.

The food bank's web site noted that 43 percent of those who seek service at food banks are children, and six percent are senior citizens. The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank consolidates food donations from area businesses and distributes about three tractor-trailer loads a day. That's equal to about \$20 million a year, the site

said.

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