

News Release

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CFC of Missoula and Ravalli County Delivers Record Donations in 2002 *Generosity of Federal Civil Servants Recognized*

Missoula, MT – The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) of Missoula and Ravalli Counties received record support last year from local federal, postal and military employees. In 2002, the contributions of these local employees provided a record breaking \$100,000 to the Missoula and Ravalli Counties CFC for distribution to local and national levels charitable organizations. At the national level, federal employees and military personnel donated nearly \$237 million to the CFC in 2002.

The CFC was established in 1961 by the Congress, and is the largest workplace charity campaign in the country. It is the only campaign authorized to solicit and collect contributions from federal, postal, and military employees in the workplace. The CFC continues to be the largest and most successful workplace fundraising model in the world. Nearly four million federal, postal, and military personnel are given the opportunity to contribute to the charities of their choice during the annual fall campaign.

For the 2002 CFC, two local federal agencies were recognized for their outstanding support of the CFC of Missoula and Ravalli Counties. The Missoula Veteran Center received the first place award for Highest Per Capita donations. The Internal Revenue Service received the second place award for Highest Per Capita donations. Both agencies received their awards in April, 2003. At the completion of the upcoming 2003 campaign, three Per Capita awards will be given. There will also be an Individual Recognition Award.

Bradley Powell is the Chair of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee. "More than 70 Missoula and Ravalli County charitable organizations benefit from the thoughtfulness and generosity of federal, postal, and military employees. Their donations mean meals for the hungry, relief for families in need of counseling, work on cures for diseases, access to water in underdeveloped countries, environmental protection, and better lives and renewed hope for millions of people in our global community."