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VA employees “Show Some Love” during 2020 CFC kickoff

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today, employees in the national capital region launched their 2020 [Combined Federal Campaign \(CFC\)](#) season to support causes ranging from Veteran suicide prevention to children with special needs.

As the “Show Some Love” theme continues for this year’s campaign, VA personnel will once again step up to pledge money and volunteer their time for local, national and international charities.

“The department contributed more than \$3.7 million dollars in monetary donations and 4,807 volunteer hours last year,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “Our VA employees are not only committed to our Veterans, their families and beneficiaries — they are also committed to the causes they believe in. CFC is another way we can help those in need, especially in these tough times.”

In 2019, federal employees and retirees pledged over \$86.4 million. For nearly 60 years, members of the federal community have contributed more than \$8.4 billion to help those in need locally, nationwide, and around the world. These pledges help people and communities in need and reflect the generous nature of the federal community.

The 2020 CFC encourages federal employees to:

- **GIVE.** Donate through payroll deduction or a one-time gift.
- **VOLUNTEER.** Pledge volunteer hours as an additional way to support the impactful work of local, national and international charities.
- **ENGAGE.** Be the Face of Change by submitting your selfie through the CFC website and get involved with the campaign.

In this challenging year, the steadfastness of the federal community has been awe-inspiring, as they continue to fulfill professional responsibilities and keep our country moving. At the same time, nonprofit organizations face increased demand for their services responding to increased needs in the past year. They struggle with reduced resources due to limited donations and canceled fundraising events during economic hardships.

[New legislation in 2020](#) allows taxpayers to deduct \$300 (\$600 for married couples) in qualified charitable donations even when taking the standard deduction. Federal employees are encouraged to go beyond their call to public service by contributing to the thousands of CFC charities that work to improve the quality of life for all. Federal retirees can give via their annuity, and if they need to take a required minimum distribution from a retirement account, the CFC can help with that too.

Donors are encouraged to Show Some Love at [CFC’s page](#).

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