

50 Years of Giving!

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On March 18, 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed the Executive order, which led to the establishment of the Combined Federal Campaign. This annual event provides Federal employees with an opportunity to express their commitment to charitable health and human service organizations. "Federal employees give through payroll deduction or one-time gifts to charitable causes that are meaningful to them," said Leonard Boss, US Border Patrol in Sault Ste. Marie and the local Combined Federal Campaign Chair.

In 2011, the Federal Employees of the Upper Peninsula and Northern Lower Michigan were given the opportunity to donate to about 2,537 National/International Charities, along with 99 local charities. They raised \$105,160, which was up 12% from last year. "These organizations help with critical community needs," noted Michael Carley, Internal Revenue Service of Traverse City and a volunteer of the CFC. "The Combined Federal Campaign links Federal Employees with many charitable organizations that provide a variety of assistance locally, nationally and internationally."

The CFC traditionally kicks off in September and ends in December. "Federal employees are generous with their personal time and money," said Brian Vogel, US Customs and Border Protection in Sault Ste Marie and a volunteer that helps organize the campaign. "For 2011, we raised \$26,540 in the Eastern Upper Peninsula. Here are the Workplaces that participated this year: Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service-Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, US Army Corps of Engineers, US Border Patrol, USCG-Biscayne Bay, USCG-SSM, USCG-St. Ignace, USDA Service Center, US Forest Service."