

Local federal employees recognized for donations

The local Mid-Columbia Combined Federal Campaign, the annual fund-raising drive for non-profit charities conducted by federal employees in their workplaces each fall, is being recognized for having the "highest average gift" during the 2002 fund drive. Kimberly Williams, the local CFC chairwoman and last year's Department of Energy loaned executive to United Way, will travel to Washington, D.C., to accept the award from the Office of Personnel Management on behalf of the local CFC at the White House on May 22.

In the category of campaigns under \$250,000, the Mid-Columbia CFC average gift from federal employees was \$341 and the total raised locally was \$143,953. Of that amount, the Department of Energy Richland Operations Office and the Office of River Protection employees raised \$116,154.

CFC's main mission 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. Federal workers have participated in a national workplace giving effort for nearly 40 years. President Kennedy started a formal national giving program in 1961. Since then, CFC has become one of the leading workplace giving programs. This campaign occurs once a year and lasts for a six-week period beginning no earlier than Sept. 1 and ending before Dec. 15. ■