

SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION ANDREW H. CARD, JR.
DOT FEDERAL CAMPAIGN RALLY
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

Event: Official DOT Kickoff Rally. 3-4 minutes.

Thank you ... and welcome to the Department's annual kickoff rally for the Washington Area Combined Federal Campaign.

DOT has earned a national reputation for helping others. I observed first hand the commitment and dedication of our fellow DOT employees in assisting those in need as a result of Hurricane Andrew. And I saw first hand how the broad cross-section of voluntary agencies and charities -- which make up the Combined Federal Campaign -- can make a difference in helping people: whether they are in need of shelter, food, medicine, or just someone to talk to.

The CFC campaign affords us the opportunity to help not only those people injured by terrible storms in Florida, Louisiana and Hawaii, but also those throughout the United States who are hurt by neglect or illness. Wherever people are in need -- and for as long as they need it -- voluntary organizations and charities which are a part of the CFC are there to help. They have the courage to care.

The DOT family has always been generous in giving to the CFC. Last year, we were the top federal agency in employee participation and we raised over \$1.2 million -- which brought us into the Winner's Circle of federal agencies. In fact, contributions were 14 percent over the previous year, as we exceeded our goal by nearly \$200,000.

The challenge this year is again to reach over one million dollars. I am confident not only that we can reach this goal -- as we did last year -- but exceed it. The homeless, the elderly, our children and the less fortunate of our community are depending on us -- so let's not let them down.

There are few among us who don't know of a person who couldn't use today one of the nearly 1800 charities and voluntary organizations included in the CFC campaign. By giving then, you actually help yourselves ... your neighbors ... your community ... your country.

Sometimes, I think that the contributors should thank the organizers for reminding us that it is in giving that we receive -- that in helping others we get as much as we give.

Keeping up with the demands of our jobs is so hectic, that many of us don't have the time to think about community service. But the CFC campaign gives us the chance to do something personally to help other people. And with so many voluntary agencies and charities to choose from, no doubt you can find one to contribute to.

Through the CFC, you decide exactly where your money goes: it gives you the satisfaction of putting your money to work where you feel it will do the most good helping others. And the payroll deduction plan is the best way to give -- by the simple stroke of a pen, you can keep giving in the weeks and months ahead.

In fact, if you contribute only one percent of your salary through payroll deductions, you'll win the Eagle Award -- CFC's highest award for contributors. Last year we had 300 eagle award winners -- let's try to top that. And to show my commitment, I'm proud to be the first to sign up. So will Kate Moore please step up and give me the proper forms -- and pen -- to do the deed.

[Secretary signs form -- and is awarded pin]

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