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National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC) Employees Pledge More than \$54,000 to Local and National Charities

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Johnstown, PA – Employees of the National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC), a component agency of the U.S. Department of Justice, located in Johnstown have donated \$54,722 to local and national charities as part of the federal government’s annual Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

This year’s amount exceeds last year’s record high of \$42,461 and is more than double of the amount contributed in previous years. This year’s donations are the largest amount ever contributed to the charitable campaign in the agency’s 11-year history.

A significant portion of this year’s proceeds is once again projected to be donated to the local United Way of the Laurel Highlands in Johnstown. Last year, employees contributed \$18,254 to the local United Way of the Laurel Highlands out of a total of \$42,461 that was donated to all charities that year.

“NDIC employees have responded generously again this year exceeding our goal of \$40,000. In addition to pledges, we introduced a couple of innovative ways to raise funds including dress down days and a bake sale,” said Dave Bonski, CFC Campaign Chairperson and Technical Services Branch Chief at NDIC.

“The employees of NDIC realize that charitable giving especially to local charities in the Johnstown area is an important part of being a good member of the Johnstown community. I wish to thank the employees for their generosity and I know that the local United Way will use the money for very worthy causes in the Johnstown area,” said Acting Director Martin Pracht.

Upon learning of NDIC’s contribution, Congressman John P. Murtha said, “It’s gratifying to me that these federal employees are so involved in the community. Their generosity helps provide programs that improve the quality of life for thousands of Southwestern Pennsylvania residents by developing our youth, strengthening families and supporting our aging population.”

The CFC is one of the largest annual fundraising events by the federal government. In 2003, federal employees across the country raised more than \$249 million for charitable causes.

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