COMMUNITY CORNER

CFC: Time for Soldiers, civilians to give back

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we think about November and December as the season for giving. I'd like to encourage you to extend that season



you to exend that season and consider giving back in September and October as well – this time through the Combined Federal Campaign. The campaign is the one time during the year Soldiers and civilian employees will be solicited for donations. Hose donations will go to the charity of their choice – there are thousands to choose from. Charities that can receive CFG donations range from international to national and local charities that support a variety of interests and issues. A search for "vecteran," for example, in the online CFC catalog at www.heartlandef.org, pulls up more than 60 charities that support vectrans. One of those charities may help someone you know. More than 400 local charities are listed in the CFC catalog including on-post organizations like Fort Riley's Child, Youth and School

Services.

Last year, we were just shy of our goal. This year, I challenge you, if you're able, to help us reach our goal of \$375,000 contributed as an installation. And remember that every donation — no marter how large or small — can make a difference.

Donating just one dollar a week can provide 68 meals to low-income individuals or food for two shelter dogs for a month. For \$44 pay period, you can help a veterants child attend college, just \$6 a pay period can mean five nights of shelter for a homeless person. For \$20 a month, you can provide a 10-month supply of nutritional supplements for a patient fighting cancer. The list goes on and on. By giving a little, we can make a difference for those in need.

Donations can be made in the form of a one-time check or through payfold deductions. Your donation can make the difference in someone's life.

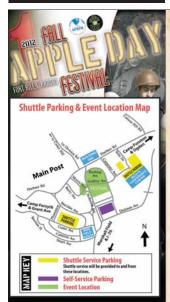
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