

to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Federal employees, including members of our uniformed services and Postal service, have once again demonstrated their generosity and support of charitable organizations and compassion towards those who receive charitable services. Through the 2008 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), Federal employees contributed more than \$275.8 million dollars on behalf of domestic and international charitable organizations. This surpasses the record amount contributed through the 2007 CFC.

Overall, this effort continues to demonstrate the incredible willingness of Federal employees to serve the public not only through their jobs, but within their communities, locally, nationally and worldwide. I believe it particularly shows the extraordinary people we have serving our country in the Military, Reserves and National Guard. Not only are these people defending our country during wartime, but they still demonstrate their kindness by reaching into their personal funds to help those less fortunate through the CFC. Specifically, deployed troops contributed more than \$15.8 million through the CFC Overseas campaign in 2008. This selflessness is truly remarkable.

On behalf of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, I thank each and every member of our Military, Reserves and National Guard who contributed so generously through the 2008 CFC and hope their kindness will continue with the 2009 CFC.

Sincerely,
Mark W. Lambert
Director, Office of CFC Operations



On our Cover: Matthew has always dreamed of flying. When the Make-A-Wish Foundation® offered the chance to grant his truest wish, he asked to be a pilot.

The 8-year-old suffers from diamond blackfan anemia, a rare blood disorder in which his bone marrow produces few red blood cells, making him susceptible to serious injury and requiring ongoing blood transfusions.

Make-A-Wish® volunteers arranged Matthew's dream training with AirTran Airways, then with the U.S. Air Force at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.

The advertisement features a red background at the top with the text 'AmeriForce Publishing Turns 10!' in a white, serif font. Below this, there is a photograph of an American flag and a bald eagle. A small graphic of a '10 YEARS' anniversary badge is also present. The text below the image reads: 'Our heartfelt thanks to all men and women in uniform and their families. Thanks also to our advertisers who make it possible for us to provide our guides and magazines to the military community.' Below this, it says 'We are Proud to Continue Serving the U.S. Military Community with our: Relocation, Finance and Deployment Guides, Families and Reserve & National Guard Magazines. If you're not getting them, ask your unit leader to sign on to www.AmeriForce.net/order'. At the bottom, it says 'If you need more information on deployment, education, employment (for you or your spouse), relocation, travel, finance, serving in the Reserve or Guard, or other military benefits, sign on to www.AmeriForce.net'.