

NIEHS tops \$100,000 in donations for 2014 CFC

By Ian Thomas

NIEHS employees united to donate more than \$100,000 towards the 2014 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). Much of the money raised went to local charities like [Vets to Vets United](http://www.vetstovetsunited.org/) (<http://www.vetstovetsunited.org/>) and [NC First Robotics](http://www.ncfirstrobotics.org/) (<http://www.ncfirstrobotics.org/>)

. Combined, the contributions of NIEHS and other National Institutes of Health institutes and centers totaled more than \$2.36 million and went to more than 24,000 charities worldwide.

“All contributions to the CFC, no matter how big or small, make an incredible difference in the lives of those they go to support,” said Erik Tokar, Ph.D., NIEHS biologist with the National Toxicology Program (NTP). “2014 saw the addition of several new charities to our roster of recipients, and it’s great to see our institute embrace them with this level of giving.”

Tokar and NTP Health Scientist Administrator Lori White, Ph.D., co-chaired this year’s NIEHS campaign.

Myriad ways to give

Since 1961, the goal of the campaign has been to provide federal personnel with an opportunity to give back to their local communities through CFC donations directed to organizations they choose. The campaign team organized activities to encourage employee involvement, including a 5K Fun Run/Walk, Fall Fest, Discovery Lake Regatta, book sale, silent auction, and bake sale.

“As an avid runner, it probably won’t shock anyone that the Fun Run is always my favorite event,” joked Liam O’Fallon, a program analyst with the NIEHS Division of Extramural Research and Training.

A culture of giving

Unlike previous years, when NIEHS donations went exclusively to charities in North Carolina, 2014 marked the first time that federal employees could give to any listed charity in the world.

“I’m always so proud of the level of generosity our employees show through the CFC,” said NIEHS and NTP Director Linda Birnbaum, Ph.D. “They’re always willing to help those in need, particularly when a charity supports a cause that speaks to them, based on their personal experiences.”

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Employees from across NIEHS raised money for various charities during the 5K Fun Run/Walk. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)



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Birnbaum discussed the impact donations have on the lives of those they support, during a CFC event. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)



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Clyde Hasty, right, of the Health and Safety Branch took the opportunity to get to know some of the charities represented at the Fall Fest event. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)



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Charles Lipford and others took advantage of the book sale, to get in some early holiday shopping. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)



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“Anytime you get to enjoy your favorite pastime while helping those in need, you know it’s going to be a good day,” said O’Fallon, shown as he crossed the finish line of the 5K Fun Run. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)



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Tasty treats abounded at the bake sale. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)

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