

# FAQ's about the Combined Charities Campaign



## Why should I participate?

More than one in three Frederick County households struggle to afford basic human necessities, including housing, child care, food, transportation, and health care. You will be making a positive difference in both individual lives as well as for the Frederick community as a whole. By regularly contributing through payroll deduction, you are able to conveniently maximize your donation amount.

## Do I only have the choice of making the payroll deduction or can I make a credit/debit donation?

You may choose either. If you choose recurring payroll deduction, the amount will be deducted from each paycheck beginning January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024 (unless you indicate you are a 10- month or 11-month FCPS employee).

## Can I contribute to a specific organization?

Of course! You may designate your donation to a maximum of five agencies listed in this brochure. Specify the agency name, number, and designation for each. If you choose not to designate, your contribution will be used by United Way of Frederick County to advance the common good in the areas of health, education, and financial stability in Frederick County.

## How do I confirm my donation?

You will receive a confirmation email receipt from the United Way of Frederick County stating that your online payroll deduction or credit/debit card donation has been received.

## How are the organizations in this document selected?

Agencies are given an opportunity to apply to the County. The agencies' applications are thoroughly vetted by Frederick County Government staff to ensure the agencies are meeting all campaign criteria. The United Way of Frederick County, CHC: Creating Healthier Communities (formally known as the Community Health Charities), and EarthShare Mid-Atlantic vet their own agencies.

## Who is in charge of dispersing the campaign dollars?

United Way of Frederick County administers the Combined Charities Campaign. They work with us to produce the campaign materials and distribute donated funds. These are YOUR funds and you are welcome to call the United Way (301-663-4231) and follow up with any questions about your donation.

## What fees are associated with my donation?

There are no fees applied if your donation goes to United Way of Frederick County. However, five percent is retained when funds are designated to the other nonprofit agencies to partially offset the cost of administering designated gifts. For more information about the designation policy, please go to [www.uwfrederick.org/financials](http://www.uwfrederick.org/financials).

## Who can I call with questions regarding the Campaign?

All three employers have representatives in charge of the Combined Charities Campaign. They can answer any additional questions you might have about the campaign. Please contact the campaign representative below based on your employer.

### Frederick County Government

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