

FAQS ABOUT THE COMBINED CHARITIES CAMPAIGN

Why should I participate in the Campaign?

Nearly 35,000 Frederick County households struggle to afford basic human necessities, including housing, child care, food, transportation, and health care. These households are known as ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed). You will be making a positive difference in the lives of ALICE individuals as well as 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, 2027 through December 31, 2027 (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 youth opportunity, healthy community, financial security, and community resiliency 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. **Please note that the receipt for a pledged gift will show as \$0 because no payment was made in the transaction, but this receipt confirms that your payroll deduction 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 or email United Way of Frederick County (301-663-4231 or info@uwfrederick.org) 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.unitedwayfrederick.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.

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