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### **County Employees Break Fund-Raising Record for Combined Charitable Campaign**

In totals finalized this week, Franklin County employees raised over \$366,000 in 2010 for the Franklin County Combined Charitable Campaign (CCC), setting a new record for contributions. This campaign is an effort to consolidate all charitable campaigns into one, asking Franklin County employees for donations through payroll deductions or one-time gifts.

Commissioner John O'Grady chaired the 2010 campaign, whose theme was '*Giving is the goal: Kick in for your community.*' "There are many people in our communities that need help, and our employees step up time and time again to meet those needs," said Commissioner O'Grady. "I am very proud to have been a part of the 2010 campaign. The generosity of our employees never ceases to amaze me. I want to specifically thank the campaign coordinators for all of their work in organizing their agency's campaign."

There are sixteen participating federations with hundreds of member charities that employees have to choose from to support in this campaign. The member charities represent a wide range of services that make a major impact on health, human, educational, and environmental services.

Commission President Marilyn Brown will serve as the 2011 Chair for the CCC which will kick-off in September 2011. "We set a record in 2007 when I last chaired the campaign, and under John's leadership, our employees have again raised the bar during the 2010 campaign," said Brown who was awarded the 'Public Servant of the Year' by Community Shares of Mid Ohio for her leadership during the 2007 campaign that raised over \$326,000. "We live in such a giving community and I'm glad to be a small part of it."

Commissioner Paula Brooks chaired the CCC in 2009 and set the previous record of just over \$365,000 raised for the campaign. The County was awarded the 2010 'Employer Campaign of the Year' by Community Shares of Mid Ohio, and Commissioner Brooks also received the 'Public Servant of the Year.' "It is so great to work in collaboration with a giving community and workforce," said Commissioner Brooks. "Our employees are on the front lines meeting community needs and have taken it a step further by supporting the many worthwhile charities in and around Franklin County."