



COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN-OVERSEAS

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Your Contributions Make a World of Difference

While serving in Iraq, Army Reservist Dwayne Cole was shot in the neck and became paralyzed from the chest down. Upon returning to the States, the couple had to relocate to a new city to be closer to the Spinal Cord Injury Unit where Dwayne could receive care for his injury.



Shontel, his wife, was pregnant with their first child and anxious about being far from friends and family. The couple worried about how she would get to the hospital if she went into labor in their new home and could not drive to the hospital.

With the aid of a CFC-O-funded organization, Dwayne and Shontel received the help of a local doula. She provided four weeks of pre-

delivery care, was on call 24-7 to respond to any urgent situations, accompanied the family to the delivery, and then provided four weeks of post-partum care. The CFC-O charity covered the cost of all her services, which proved to be a priceless contribution to the family's well-being.

In addition, the organization found another non-profit that helps military spouses and war-wounded family members find careers to fit their needs. Through this organization, Shontel found a work-from-home job.

Today, the future is much brighter for this incredibly positive couple thanks to the help they received during their time of need. They have a healthy baby named Ahjani, and Shontel has a career that enables her to con-

Current Campaign Results

The campaign is off to a great start! Here is a comparison of donations received as of the first Friday in November for 2011 and 2010.

2011

JTF-B— \$12,302, 11.5% participation
 NAVSTA GTMO— \$20, 0% participation
 JTF-GTMO— \$11,472, 3% participation
 Mil-Groups/Teams— \$0, 0% participation
 Canada— \$90, .2% participation

2010

JTF-B— \$6,915, 5% participation
 NAVSTA GTMO— \$0, 0% participation
 JTF-GTMO— \$420, .3% participation
 Mil-Groups/Teams— \$120, .3% participation
 Canada— \$0, 0% participation

Remember, the campaign ends December 2nd—so make your pledge today.

A Note from Colonel Joseph M. Mastrianna Director, Manpower and Personnel (J1) United States Southern Command

Once a year, we have the opportunity to Make a World of Difference in the lives of thousands of people and communities around the globe by making a donation through the Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas.

In serving our country abroad, we often encounter firsthand the needs people face.

Helping couldn't be simpler:

- You can fill out a paper pledge card or an online printed pledge to make a one-time donation of cash or check or a recurring monthly gift via a payroll allotment.
- Or, you can make a paperless contribution using a credit card, debit card or electronic check. This method is fully automated—there is nothing for you to hand in to your unit's CFC representative and you can still choose a onetime gift or a recurring monthly gift.

Due to the downturn in the global economy, the need for assistance is greater than ever, yet there are fewer people who are able to give. The beauty of the Combined Federal Campaign is that when we all give a little, it adds up to millions of dollars of assistance each year. In 2010, the CFC-O raised \$13.8 million!

If you have already made a donation this year, I thank you and the charities you have chosen to support thank you. If you have not made a donation, I encourage you to browse through the list of 2,536 organizations and find one (or more than one) that resonates with you and consider making a donation.

Finally, a big thank you to those who have stepped up and are serving as CFC-O representatives for your unit, location or installation. You have the important job of making sure that we meet the goal of providing a 100% informed opportunity to give to everyone in our AOR.

Website Connection

Want to learn about CFC-O supported organizations that support wounded warriors?
Use the "Charity Search" button on cfcoverseas.org.

Want to read more stories about wounded warriors that have received assistance from CFC-O supported charities?
Check out their stories in the "Publicity Kit" on cfcoverseas.org.

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