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VA BUTLER STAFF RAISE OVER \$68,000 FOR CHARITY

(BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA) - - Each year, Federal agencies across the country rally together in support of local and national charitable organizations through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) program. The CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, with more than 300 CFC campaigns throughout the country and internationally raising millions of dollars each year. Pledges made by Federal civilian, postal and military donors during the campaign season (October 1st through December 15th) support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

The Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Butler Healthcare, just completed its 2009 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) collecting a total of \$68,018, with \$62,023 from payroll deductions alone. In addition, various fundraisers were held during the campaign including a department theme basket and TV drawing, hoagie sale, pepperoni roll sale, and a spaghetti luncheon. The total collected from the campaign was 36% over the facility's goal of \$50,000.

"In a strained economic environment, VA Butler employees rose to the challenge and generously contributed to agencies struggling to meet the needs of their community members," commented Amy Friel Capretto, Social Work Executive and 2009 CFC Co-Chairperson.

The success of the CFC is due to the generosity of the employees and the commitment of its chairpersons and committee. This year, VA Butler's CFC Chairpersons were Amy Friel Capretto and Cherie Clamidori, Assistant Chief Engineer. For their efforts, both were selected by the 3 Rivers/Pennsylvania West CFC as a 2009 Local Hero Award recipient for the Department of Veterans Affairs and will be recognized at a special award ceremony on January 8, 2010. Clamidori states, "We are honored to receive this award and share it with the committee members who worked tirelessly to help us reach our goal and beyond."

The 2009 CFC Committee members were: John Bridges, Mike Cole, Chris Diamond, Terri Doctor-Fratto, Michelle Dominski, Greg Green, Lorain Hesidenz, Doug Hilliard, Jim Laidlaw, Susan Leslie, Sue McElhone, Connie Pakutz, Bonnie Raybuck, Betty Savannah, Barb Taylor, Jim Torok, Danielle Weisenstein, Patty Wilson, Lorri Yerkins, and Tom Lewandowski

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