

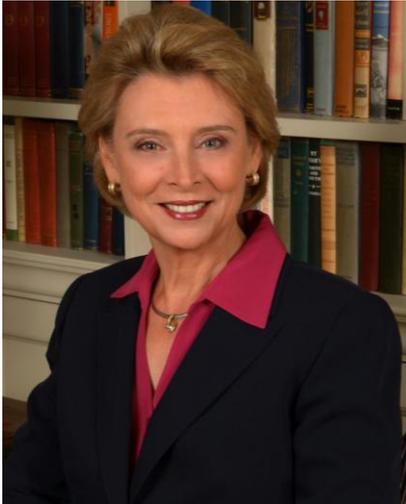
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Message from the Governor



The Combined Fund Drive (CFD), Washington State's workplace giving program, is one of the best in the nation. Each year, millions of dollars are raised for charities through the generous donations of active and retired public employees.

As I reflect back, I'm amazed by how many lives, families and communities have been helped by the more than \$94 million that has been raised over the years through the CFD. These donations have opened the doors of outstanding youth programs, enabled food banks to replenish sorely depleted supplies, helped with habitat restoration efforts, provided comfort to the elderly, strengthened the arts, and supported countless other needs.

In these tough economic times, charities need our help more than ever. As public servants, we have an opportunity to make a lasting impact in the lives of people in the communities where we live and work. As you think about how you will participate in this year's campaign, know that your donation makes a difference. Please log onto the CFD's website (www.cfd.wa.gov) to make a donation or read testimonies on how donations through the CFD have changed lives and communities.

I applaud all who are currently participating in the Combined Fund Drive. Thank you for your gift. For those who are taking a look at it for the first time, please remember that the combined efforts of many can have a lasting impact for years to come.

Sincerely,

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor