

To:

Valley Central Employees

From:

VCTA (Teachers, Secretaries, Paraprofessionals); VCAA (Administration);

CSEA (Civil Service Employees of America); Nutritional Staff;

Central Office Administration; Confidential Secretaries

Re:

**United Way Campaign** 

Date:

November 7, 2016

The United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region recently launched its 2016 Annual Campaign. Last year alone, thanks to the community and Valley Central's support of United Way, its partners, and the legions of volunteers who give their time to help community programs, a significant number of people's needs were met through services ranging from emergency food and shelter, to teenage mentoring and literacy programs.

This year we are going "Green" and pledging will be done online. If you would like to contribute to the United Way through payroll deduction, simply go to the following website (http://www.uwdor.org/pledge-online/valleycentral2016) and follow the enrollment instructions. Those wishing to contribute must enroll by Friday, December 2, 2016. Payroll deductions will begin January 13, 2017. Those who already contribute need not re-enroll. Deductions will continue unless Lisa Doyle in the Payroll Department is notified in writing to change or stop this deduction. Lisa can be reached via e-mail at lisa.doyle@valleycentralschools.org or by telephone at Ext. 18125.

There will be no pressure exerted on employees to contribute, nor is there any expectation that employees will contribute to the United Way. However, please know the Valley Central leadership supports this concept of community giving. The United Way represents 60 health and human service agencies and programs, but it is only one of many potential avenues by which VC employees can lend a helping hand to those in need. Nevertheless, there are some conveniences inherent in the United Way campaign:

- Payroll deductions are convenient.
- A donation of 50 cents per paycheck, for example, would result in a yearly contribution of between \$10.50 and \$12.50, depending on the number of pay periods in your bargaining unit.
- You may select the organization(s) you wish to receive your contribution and keep your donations local or specific to a particular agency or program.

As this holiday season progresses, we encourage you to support those in need through the United Way Campaign or through some other act of kindness that might make the difference in the lives of less fortunate children and families in our local community. On their behalf, we thank you for your continued support.

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