

## **COMECC Agency Coordinator talking points**

Please find below some brief talking points to help you when discussing COMECC. If you have any questions, would like more campaign materials or would like to request a charity speaker for an event, please contact COMECC's Statewide Campaign Manager, Tim Palmer at [tim.palmer@bostonabcd.org](mailto:tim.palmer@bostonabcd.org) or 617-348-6228.

### **What is COMECC?**

- The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Employees Charitable Campaign (COMECC) is the workplace giving campaign for Commonwealth employees.
- Established over 30 years ago, the campaign gives employees of Commonwealth agencies, the legislature and the courts the chance to support charitable organizations that benefit communities throughout Massachusetts and beyond.

### **Why donate through COMECC?**

- It's quick and easy – pledge online or using a paper pledge form. Once your pledge has been made it is good for the rest of the year (if you choose a recurring pledge option).
- Donate to one or multiple charities using the same pledge form.
- All the information about your donations is available on your pay stub – no hunting for receipts come tax time.
- All COMECC's charities are individually vetted so you can pledge in confidence knowing that each charity has demonstrated that it is a bone fide charity, registered with the IRS; is able to control its expenses and has established governance processes.
- It's secure. Online pledges are made using a secure server and paper pledge forms are held securely. Your information is never shared with charities without your explicit permission.
- Be part of the COMECC community! Did you know that if every person that works for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts gave just \$1 a week – that's \$2 out of each paycheck – we could raise over **\$4million!**
- There's a charity in COMECC for everyone. Whether your interest is in helping the homeless or animal welfare, veterans' affairs or the environment, there's a charity taking part in COMECC for you. Visit [www.comecc.net](http://www.comecc.net) and use our search engine to discover charities that work in your areas of interest.

### **How do I donate?**

- You can donate online or using a paper pledge form available through your agency coordinator.
- Access our online donation portal by following the 'Pledge Now' link from [www.comecc.net](http://www.comecc.net) and following the instructions online to log in.
- You can choose one-off or recurring payroll pledges or a one-off cash or check donation (using a paper pledge form) or a one-off credit card donation (online).

### **How do I find out more?**

- Visit [www.comecc.net](http://www.comecc.net) for more information about the campaign and instructions on how to donate. You can also download pledge cards, brochures and posters to print.
- Read through the COMECC brochure available through your agency coordinator.
- Talk to your agency's COMECC coordinator.
- Contact COMECC's Statewide Campaign Manager, Tim Palmer at [tim.palmer@bostonabcd.org](mailto:tim.palmer@bostonabcd.org) or telephone 617-348-6228.