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Asian American Community Services  
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Violence Organization  
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Council  
Camp Sunrise  
Capital Area Humane Society  
CASA of Franklin County  
Cat Welfare  
Center for Effective Discipline  
Center for Humane Options in  
Childbirth  
Center for Wholeness  
Central Ohio Green Ed Fund  
City Year Columbus  
Coalition on Homelessness and  
Housing in Ohio  
Columbus Historical Society  
Columbus Landmarks Foundation  
Consider Biking  
COSI Columbus  
Deaf Services Center  
Dreams on Horseback  
Earthtouch  
Enhanced Life Styles Training  
Facility  
Free Geek Columbus  
*The Free Press*  
Friends of the Scioto River  
Greater Linden Development  
Corporation  
Habitat for Humanity-Greater  
Columbus  
Heart of the City  
Hocking Athens Perry Community  
Action  
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Interfaith Center for Peace  
Kaleidoscope Youth Coalition  
MAP Furniture Bank  
Mercy For Animals  
MOBILE Mid Ohio Board for an  
Independent Living  
Environment  
Native American Indian Center of  
Central Ohio  
NARAL/Pro Choice Ohio  
Education Foundation  
Neighborhood Services, Inc.  
Ohio Alliance for Arts Education  
Ohio Citizen Action  
Ohio Domestic Violence Network  
Ohio Ecological Food and Farm  
Association  
Ohio League for the Mentally  
Retarded  
Ohio Literacy Network  
Ohio NOW Education and Legal  
Fund  
Pater Noster House  
Project Open Hand Columbus  
Simply Living  
Stonewall Columbus  
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Violence Everywhere  
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## Community Shares Sets New Record with 2008 Fundraising

**Columbus, OH** - Community Shares of Mid Ohio (CoSMO) raised a record setting \$741,000 from workplace campaigns in 2008 – an annual increase of ten percent from 2007. Community Shares has had double digit increases in giving every year for over fifteen years. Donations generated from workplace payroll contribution campaigns for Community Shares fifty-seven non-profit members provide critical funding for vital services and lasting solutions in the central Ohio area.

“In spite of – or perhaps because of- the challenging economy and increase in critical needs in our communities, donors have responded with generosity and compassion,” said Melissa Magers, Executive Director of Community Shares of Mid Ohio. “We are both humbled and thrilled with the increase in our workplace contributions and the response to help others in crisis. Folks recognize the important work of our member agencies and have stepped up to help. We are so very grateful to these wonderful donors who have contributed so much.”

In 2008, CoSMO added five new organizations including Columbus Landmarks Foundation, Appalachian Nutrition Network, Heart of the City, Greater Linden Development Corporation and Center for Humane Options in Childbirth Experience (CHOICE). CoSMO and its member organizations were also offered as new charitable giving choices for payroll contributions to employees at four new workplaces, including Worthington City Schools, Upper Arlington City Schools, Hilliard City School and the City of Dublin.

"Despite our unprecedented economy, Central Ohio has opened their hearts... and wallets to deserving causes. The evidence demonstrates that donors respect and respond to having the choice to select where their own philanthropic dollar is directed," said Tom Tootle, Board President for Community Shares of Mid Ohio.

With over 15 years of success in workplace fundraising and distributions of over \$2.5 million to its members, Community Shares of Mid Ohio assists local area non-profits in new options to receive donations. Through workplace fundraising drives done in public and private sector workplaces, employees are given the opportunity to donate directly to the non-profit agencies they care about most through payroll contributions.

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