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Asian American Community Services  
BRAVO Buckeye Region Anti -  
Violence Organization  
Camp Fire USA Central Ohio Council  
Camp Sunrise  
Central Ohio Green Ed Fund  
Coalition on Homelessness and  
Housing in Ohio  
CASA Court Appointed Special  
Advocates of Franklin County  
Center for Wholeness  
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Humanity  
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Kaleidoscope Youth Coalition  
League of Women Voters of Metro  
Columbus Ed Fund  
Material Assistance Providers  
Mercy For Animals  
Mid Ohio Board for an Independent  
Living Environment  
NARAL/Ohio Education Foundation  
Neighborhood Services, Inc.  
Niches Retreat Center  
Ohio Citizen Action Education Fund  
Ohio Coalition on Sexual Assault  
Ohio Domestic Violence Network  
Ohio Ecological Food and Farm  
Association Education Fund  
Ohio League for the Mentally  
Retarded  
Ohio Literacy Network  
Ohio NOW Education and Legal Fund  
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# Focus on Community

## **New members join Community Shares of Mid Ohio**

**Five area nonprofits joined Community Shares of Mid Ohio as new member agencies in 2004.** With the addition of these groups, Community Shares now serves 37 non-profits serving central Ohio.

**Asian American Community Services** serves the diverse needs of Asian-Americans in central Ohio through education, support services, interpreting, tutoring programs, and ESO classes.

**Camp Fire USA Central Ohio Council** Provides opportunities for girls and boys ages 5-18 in inclusive and interactive activities and camping programs to develop caring, confident youth.

**Perry, Licking, and Athens Community Action Agency** Provides citizens and communities safe, affordable and energy efficient housing; quality early childhood services; sufficient nutritious food daily; and the opportunity for decent employment.

### **Material Assistance Providers**

Columbus' only free furniture bank, collects and distributes used furniture and household items for families and individuals in need.

### **Mercy For Animals**

Educates on the health benefits of vegetarian and vegan diets, the links between animal and societal violence, and animal abuse and cruelty in rodeos, factory farms, circuses, and animal sport fighting.

"A common feature of our members is their commitment to developing long term solutions to many community issues such as violence in homes and neighborhoods, affordable housing, hunger, human rights, and the like," said Melissa Magers, Executive Director. "CoSMO is dedicated to fostering social justice and community involvement by strengthening the capacity of local nonprofits through trainings, leadership development, and collaborative fundraising."

## **Campaign pledges increase for tenth straight year**

With deep gratitude to its donors, Community Shares announces that campaign pledges for its 2002 workplace campaigns increased by 11% from 2002 pledges, to over \$286,000, the tenth straight year of increases. "In spite

of the tough economy, donors gave generously, demonstrating how much they value our members," said CoSMO Executive Director, Melissa Magers. "As we reach more donors in more workplace campaigns, employees have responded to the work of

our members with financial support of their services."

Since its first campaign in 1993, CoSMO has raised over one million dollars in workplace campaigns.

***Thank you!***