

City of Portland 2015 Charitable Campaign
Mayor Hales Talking Points

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Please add any thoughts you have on charitable giving.

- Today marks the kick off of the City of Portland's 2015 Charitable Campaign, which runs through November 13.
- For those of you who are not familiar with the Charitable Campaign, each year the City partners with charitable umbrella federations or funds that represent hundreds of organization. Employees then have an opportunity to donate to any of these charities through payroll deductions or by giving directly.
- This year there are over 500 local, national, and international charities represented through the 15 federations and funds. Sometime today, every City employee will receive a flyer that explains more about the program and how you can participate.
- I want to take a moment to thank everyone who participated last year, as well as anyone who's donated through the campaign since it started in 1989. Last year, 479 generous City employees contributed almost \$250,000.
- These donations go to causes ranging from education, job training, and environmental issues to international hunger, poverty relief, and medical research.
- To our partner charitable organizations, you do so much good for our community and your work is appreciated.
- I'm pleased to support a program that makes it easy for employees to donate to their favorite charities and I hope you choose to participate.
- Before I finish, Work for Art deserves recognition for sponsoring local musician Craig Bidondo. (*phonetic spelling Bid-don-doh*)
- And with that, please join me in officially kicking off the City of Portland's 2015 Charitable Campaign!

Turn it back over to Jane Braaten.

Contact information, should you need it:

- Questions about the campaign can be addressed to Karyl Whelan (*phonetic spelling Carol Way-lan*) at 503-823-5879. She's also in Outlook.