

## **BSTRA makes the Combined Federal Campaign List!**



BSTRA has been approved for the 2009 Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) as a member of the Animal Welfare Fund.

**Our listing will be Bay State Trail Riders Association 90621.**

For more than four decades, the U.S. government has sponsored the Combined Federal Campaign - the world's largest workplace fundraising drive that supports eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits. Their mission is "to promote & support philanthropy through a program this is employee focused, cost efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all." This campaign is the only authorized solicitation of employees in the Federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations.

Each fall, beginning September 1st to December 30th, federal employees - civilian, military and postal - are invited to support eligible national and local charities. More than 1.3 million employees pledge over a quarter billion dollars each year.

Employees choose the groups they wish to support from a list of charities that have submitted applications and been deemed qualified by the CFC. More than 2,000 national organizations and 20,000 local organizations qualify for the Campaign annually.

The CFC has an extensive application and screening process to protect Federal employees. Requirements are 501 (c)3 non-profit tax exempt status under the IRS, providing specific information about our auditing, governance and program functions. And a list of our on the ground accomplishments for 2008. (This would be our trails report).

As an organization that has promoted responsible use and stewardship of our trails, I am hoping that this campaign will help us to continue our work. So, if you are a Federal employee or know someone that is, please ask them to make our organization their choice. Our code number is **90621**.