

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Make a Community Quilt**—Provide construction paper, markers, magazines; have employees make a collage related to United Way or the community. Tie all the squares together with yarn at a rally, and display proudly!
- **Plant & Produce Sale**—Gather all your green thumb employees to donate flowers, fruits and vegetables from their summer and fall harvest. Hold your own local gardener's market. Or take them back to the fair days to vote on best tomato, biggest zucchini.
- **Compliment-O-Gram**—Explore the power of small gestures. Make up special forms and sell them to employees as a way to give a compliment to a fellow employee. Charge \$1 per compliment or \$2 if they wish to attach with a balloon or flower.
- **Pie in the Face** Managers can take part in a contest where based on Giving participation they agree to take one for the team.
- **Coin War**—Set up empty containers for each floor or department. Coins are positive while paper money is negative points. Sabotage opponents by dropping dollars into their bottle. The group with the highest point value wins.
- **LIVE UNITED Scavenger Hunt**—Put a new twist on a familiar idea: challenge employees to find things (or people) that are examples of creating a better life for all and Give. Advocate. Volunteer. You can also hunt for black and white objects, create clues about different Partner Programs and have employees travel to each and collect signatures on their LIVE UNITED shirt.
- **Ornament Raffle**—Bring in hand-made or purchased ornaments to hang on a tree. Names/numbers are chosen until all ornaments are picked from the tree. Raffle tickets are sold for \$.25 each or five for \$1.
- **Auctions and Raffles**— If you're doing a public raffle, remember to contact United Way for the license number.
 - **Basket Auction**—Ask each department in your organization to sponsor, create and fill a theme basket (spa, chocolate, golf, cooking). The baskets are then auctioned off.
 - **Silent Auctions and Raffles**—Silent auctions are fun and easy. Have staff auction off services, such as gift wrapping, cooking, gardening, crafts or any other hidden talents. Have executives auction parking spaces.
 - **Auction off staff services**— (ie. babysitting, oil change, lunch for a week), executive parking spaces, donated merchandise or services. Try conducting the auction over your internet site.
- **Car Wash**—Charge employees to have their car washed by management. Take and sell pictures.
- **A Dollar an Inch**—Executives participate in an all-day competition to end the day with the shortest tie. Employees cut an inch off executive's tie for a dollar fee. Give prizes for the shortest tie, the ugliest tie, etc.
- **A Colorful Event**—Encourage everyone to wear United Way Blue on a specified day. Have a designated "blue spotter" awarding prizes and/or penalties.
- **United Way Trivial Pursuit**—Distribute facts about United Way by memo, e-mail or post on bulletin boards every day for a week. Then, ask trivia questions based on the information. Those

completing all questions correctly are entered into a drawing or receive a prize. Or have a marathon using the traditional game. Use entry fees and penalties for teams or individuals.

- **Best Shoes Contest**—Line up employees for some unique mug shots --shoes only. Hold a contest to see if employees can figure out who's who, then have them vote for the "Best Shoes."
- **Formal Dress Day**—Sick of casual Friday? Dress to the nine's instead. Hold a lunch and award prizes for the snappiest tuxedo and fanciest dresses.
- **Hula Hoop/Jump Rope Contest**—Play some fun music and let loose as employees battle it out for bragging rights and prizes. See who can hula or jump rope the longest or most hulas or jumps. Hula or jump rope an obstacle course or run a relay race.
- **Where in the World?**—Create a life-size cardboard person and use a cut-out picture of your CEO or another staff to put on the cardboard person. Each day hide the cutout and give clues on where "your CEO" is. Use pictures or company facts to lead employees to the right area. Charge entry fees and award prizes.
- **Survivor**—Divide the office into two teams and have them battle it out to see who can raise more funds. Play games like office immunity challenges. Learn what it's like to live without necessities, as some who use United Way programs do. Quiz employees on what it's really like to survive in the Marshfield area when you are in need. (Example: You have \$100 for bills. Do you buy groceries or pay the heating bill?)
- **Operation**—Individuals or teams. You can do brackets and advance winners throughout the week. Bid on who might win. Sell raffle tickets for \$1 to root on your surgical team by placing your vote in their bucket. Award prizes to bracket winners, the most skilled team and voters.
- **Traveling Monkey/Flamingos**—Employees can send this to anyone's office with a note. \$1 buys you the opportunity to send it, \$2 will allow you to have it removed, \$3 to find out who sent it to you!
- **Family Day or Carnival**—Organize a festival for your employees or families. Have age appropriate games and food. Don't forget a dunk tank with brave employees or managers. Sell chances to sink your coworkers.
- **Duct Tape the Boss**—Sell one-yard lengths of duct tape and duct tape the boss to a wall. Have the boss stand on a chair and after there is enough tape holding him/her, pull the chair out. Sell photos of employees standing next to the boss to raise additional funds. Also a great incentive idea.
- **Kite Flying Competition**—Hold a kite making, decorating or flying competition. Give awards for smallest, largest, most creative or longest flying kites. Decorate your office with kites, wind socks and mobiles. Donate your projects to a youth program. Order a Kite shaped cake to celebrate the end of your high flying campaign.