

## 2018 Special Event Ideas

### **Scavenger/Medallion Hunt**

Working together is a great team builder. Have employees form teams to complete a hunt for different items; can be United Way related or based on your own company.

### **Chili Cook-off or Cooking Competition**

Employee chefs bring in their best dishes and staff pay to sample and vote on their favorites. Get creative by having categories like entrees, casseroles/hot dishes, desserts, etc.

### **Office Olympics**

Let the Games begin! Create teams throughout the office with each team paying a sign-up fee. Olympic teams will participate in events such as flying paper airplanes for longest distance, dress for success relay, shooting paper balls into wastebaskets, department darts, etc. Hold finals in a main area for all to see. Don't forget to award your Gold, Silver and Bronze medalists!

### **Are you Smarter than a 3rd Grader?**

Integrate United Way's Reading by Third Grade goal with a take-off of this television show. Contestants are asked questions which can be 3rd grade material or United Way information, with a panel of "3rd Graders" to ask for help.

### **Potluck Salad Bar**

Organize a healthy lunch for your staff. Provide a sign-up sheet for employees to bring in pieces of the salad bar. Items can include lettuces, fresh veggies, fruits, nuts and dressings. Invite staff to go green by paying a small fee to build their own salad and enjoy the delicious salad bar.

### **Tricycle Races**

Have some fun by having employees sign up on tricycle teams and ride large tricycles through a course in or out of the office. Fans can watch and cheer throughout the race which can be a relay where members pass a flag or item until the final team crosses the finish line!

### **Photo Challenge**

Say Cheese! Employees sign up in teams and pay a registration fee to donate to United Way. Have a list of places and or actions that need to be photographed all in LIVE UNITED t-shirts! Most photos win. One company had points assigned to each picture on the list; more difficult pictures, such as photo with a local celebrity, were worth more. The team with the highest points wins!

### **CEO Lunch**

Sell tickets to employees to attend a luncheon where your CEO/Leadership serves and bussess tables at a luncheon.

**Pancake Breakfast**

Sell tickets to employees to attend a breakfast where your CEO/Leadership prepares and serves a pancake breakfast to employees. Don't forget to remind your leadership staff to get creative with the toppings!

**Email Bingo/Trivia**

Send out daily Bingo letters/numbers/words or trivia questions for employees to answer. First one to Bingo wins a prize or all the correct answers are entered into a daily drawing.

**Jersey Day**

Allow employees to buy a jersey pass to support their favorite team on a specified day (i.e. Monday Night Football Vikings vs. Packers game).

**Relay Races**

Another great way to team-build and have fun is to have employees form teams and pay an entrance fee to participate in relay races. The games are especially fun when an executive participates!

**CEO Car Wash**

Employees donate to have their car washed by their "boss." Charge extra for photos!

**Run/Walk**

Get outside and get moving by organizing a 3K, 5K or 10K run/walk. Several companies have done this on their own grounds as well as coordinating a downtown Minneapolis walk along the Mississippi River.

**Dare to Dress up**

Choose an event you might already be hosting and take it up a notch by bidding on someone that has to dress up at the event. For example, your event may be an Executive Dance Revolution contest for everyone to watch at the campaign kickoff. Ahead of time, take bids/votes to choose an executive that will have to participate!

**Penny Wars**

Competition can be a great way to get employees involved. With this classic favorite, try having executives "sponsor" a bucket and bonus points if the last place has to do something silly.

**Survivor**

Create tribes to compete against one another including at least one member from leadership for each team. Have mental and physical challenges each day for a week where tribes compete for prizes such as arrive late to work certificates, extra time at lunch, tickets for local events, etc. Challenges can include office golf, puzzles or scavenger hunts. Award a grand prize to last tribe standing.

**Tailgating**

Organize a tailgating party in honor of the 2018 Superbowl in Minneapolis or the upcoming NCAA Final Four. Employees can pay a small fee to join the fun with food, drinks, and games.