

"FUN" D RAISING IDEAS!

- ◆ **Auctions:** Encourage employees to donate unique items of value to auction off during a lunch hour, or during another event.
- ◆ **Bake Off:** Who makes the best chocolate chip cookies in your organization? Find out by having a bake-off and charge a "donation" for others to sample the different cookie entries and judge the winners. (Bake extras to sell!)
- ◆ **Baby Picture Contest:** See who can match the most staff members with their baby pictures. Charge \$1 to enter pictures, and \$1 to make guesses – offer a prize for the most correct guesses.
- ◆ **Bowling for Dollars:** Recruit some teams and have a company bowling night, raising money via entry fees or per pin donations.
- ◆ **Casual Dress Days:** This is a big hit in any organization that has a dress code. Sell casual or jeans days each week. If you already have a casual day, allow additional days (with management's permission of course!) or have a sports dress day or hat day that employees can buy into!
- ◆ **More Good Days:** Sleep-In Days, Long Lunch Days or Vacation Days can also be "sold".
- ◆ **Take the Knots Out:** Bring in a massage therapist for a day and allow all those who submit a pledge form to sit down to a relaxing shoulder massage.
- ◆ **Can You Top This:** Serve ice cream and all the toppings at a meeting or rally.
- ◆ **Pie Toss:** Depending on the amount of their contributions, employees can be given a chance to toss a pie at their departmental manager.
- ◆ **Air Out Those Sneakers:** Celebrate Sneaker Day by having employees compete for the "most original, most beyond repair, most in need of soap and water", etc.
- ◆ **Soup for the Soul:** Have large pots of soup and hold a soup and bread line for your employees. On the tables leave facts regarding hunger in your community.

- ◆ **Department/Office Olympics:** Race on casters chairs using plungers as the only means of transportation. Race around a special obstacle course requiring employees, carrying a lunch box, to navigate their way “to work”. Once at work, they put their feet on their desk and toss wadded paper into a waste-basket.
- ◆ **The Price is Right:** Hold a game show in the lunch room with contestants paying to enter and compete for prizes.
- ◆ **Pumpkin Carving Contest:** Plan a Halloween theme and hold a pumpkin carving contest. Have different categories so you can have multiple winners. Departments could carve their own and enter them.
- ◆ **Raffles:** Have someone donate a prize – football tickets, a weekend getaway, a car wash, restaurant gift cards. Give-A-Away lottery tickets, engraved pens, **T-SHIRTS**
- ◆ **Scavenger Hunt:** Employees have to find unusual items around the office or the campus. You plant the items for employees to discover – or plant prizes and whoever finds them keeps them!
- ◆ **Snack Cart:** Go from workspace to workspace with baked goods or candy.



Whoops! Don't confuse fund-raiser events with the events and meetings you hold to impart United Way information to the masses. "Fun"d-raisers are for extra money, and they make the campaign special, allow a little fun, and draw attention to your program.