IDEAS FOR GETTING CO-WORKERS INVOLVED

BUILD AWARENESS

Appreciation/Compliment Grams
Design notes of thanks or congratulations for co-workers to buy and send to each other.

Paper Airplane Flying Contest
Employee makes airplane by folding same size paper or they build at home and bring in to work. Set winner categories for plane that flies farthest, straightest, most loops, and best decorated.

Spare Change Jars
Place empty jars near vending machines or gathering places. Ask employees to deposit spare change throughout the year for United Way. This can be a competition between departments to see who collects the most change in a time frame.

Wii Challenge
You don’t even have to leave the office for this one. Wii bowling, golf, and Mario Cart are a few of the favorites!

Dress Down Day
Employees pay to not wear “normal” work attire. Contact your Loaned Executive for stickers that say “I Dress This Way for United Way” and distribute to participating employees.

Guess the Number
Fill a clear jar with candy and have employees pay for a chance to guess the number of pieces in the jar. The most accurate guess wins the candy or another prize.

Penny Wars
Divide the office by department and have a money jar assigned to each. Members of each department deposit pennies, nickels, and dimes into their own jar and place quarters or “green” into the jars of other departments. Pennies count as positive while quarters and “green” are negative. The department with the highest positive number (or the least negative number) wins a lunch provided by the company.

Bingo
Distribute Bingo cards (search on printable bingo cards on Google) to employees (pay to play). Every day, email a Bingo number to all participants. The first one to reply with “BINGO” wins. The Bingo game continues until all prizes are distributed.

Guess the Baby Picture
Employees bring their baby pictures to work and post the photos a few days prior to the event. Contestants pay to enter the contest and pay to match employees to their baby pictures. The employee with the highest number of correct matches wins a prize.

FOOD & FESTIVITIES

Lunch Box Auction
Employees create gourmet lunches to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Give prizes for the most creative, nutritious, elegant, or clever meals.

Bake Sale
Employees buy employee-donated baked goods with donations benefiting United Way.

Build Your Own Ice Cream Sundaes
Have a wide variety of sundae toppings (nuts, fruit, cookies, gummy bears, crushed candy bars, whipped cream, cherries, etc.) available for employees to build their own sundaes.

Nacho/Pretzel Sale
Sell large plates of nachos and/or soft pretzels with cheese and jalapeno peppers. Donate proceeds to United Way.

Ice Cream Cart
On a hot day, visit employee cubicles and offices selling popsicles, ice cream sandwiches and other cold snacks. Donate proceeds to United Way.

Peanuts, Get Your Peanuts!
Decorate a push cart with a sports theme. Stock the cart with individual bags of salted peanuts, chips, hot dogs, soda and all necessary condiments (ketchup, mustard, relish, onion.) Visit cubicles and sell items. This is a great way to kickoff any sports season.

Tailgate Party
Hold a pay-per-plate cookout during lunch. Cook brats, burgers and hot dogs with condiments. Have chips, pretzels, soda, and other tailgating items.

Chili Cook-off
Participants pay to enter their chili into the contest. Choose judges and determine prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. After judging, employees can pay to sample each chili. Remember to supply cheese, sour cream, crackers, TUMS, etc.

Walking Taco Sale
Sell individual bags of corn chips with divided plastic or foam containers filled with taco meat, cheese, sour cream, tomatoes, lettuce, packets of hot sauce, etc. Price accordingly.

Soup Line
Employees sign up to bring their favorite soup or bread. Set up at lunch time, and charge participants fees for a bottomless bowl to try one or all! (Bring your own reusable bowl.)
**RAFFLE**

**Informative Meeting Incentives**
Hold a workplace meeting and have a representative from United Way and/or an agency speaker give a presentation. Offer donuts, coffee or raffle tickets to attendees.

**Box Raffle**
Boxes are placed in highly-trafficked areas with the name of a prize on each. Employees buy tickets and put them in the boxes corresponding to the prize they want to win. A winner is drawn from each box.

**Executive Lawn Ornament**
Managers or executives donate time to do yard work at the homes of employees who bid for their services.

**Executive Chef**
Raffle off dinner for two or more at the home of an executive.

**Front Row Parking**
Raffle front row parking spots for a year, or during the winter months.

**Paid Parking**
Raffle off a year's worth of free parking.

**Lunch with CEO**
Raffle off lunch with the CEO – CEO’s treat!

**Extra Day Vacation**
Raffle off a day or ½ day of vacation.

**Mystery Pumpkins**
Buy miniature or regular pumpkins for employees to purchase. Write numbers on the bottom of each pumpkin. Draw numbers for prizes corresponding to the numbers on the pumpkins.

**INCENTIVES**

- Complimentary hotel stay and/or airline tickets
- Around-the-world dining (pack of restaurant gift certificates of different cuisines)
- Call in “well” day or “sleep in late” coupon
- Car started & windows scraped every snow day in January
- Car washed by boss or co-worker
- Casual day
- Company promotional items
- Computers – new or gently used
- “Flee @ 3” coupon
- Free meal or dessert from the employee cafeteria
- Free oil change
- Gift certificates
- Golf with the boss
- Lottery tickets
- Lunch with your manager – his/her treat!
- Tickets to local sporting events or movie passes
- Open soda and candy machines
- Pizza party
- Play or concert tickets
- Use of company car and/or reserved prime parking spaces
- Vacation day