

Workplace Fundraisers

Sports Themes

- **Hallway Golf** – Form teams, get creative, and create golf holes throughout your office floors. Incorporate Lee's Summit CARES's mission, by conducting a food or book drive and use the raised items to create the holes. Employees pay to participate in the golf. Consider getting your corporate vendors to sponsor holes.
- **Bowling Tournament** – Set up a bowling alley in a hallway using bottled water and a ball. Charge participants to enter. Participants can get pledges for the number of pins knocked over.
- **Sports Tournaments** – Host a basketball, dodge ball, four square, or any number of sporting event tournaments for your company. Participants pay to enter and proceeds come to Lee's Summit CARES. Donate the sporting equipment from the games to a Lee's Summit CARES partner agency.
- **College Basketball Bracket** – During March Madness, turn your work bracket into a fundraiser for Lee's Summit CARES. 50% of the proceeds go to the bracket winners and 50% come to support programs of Lee's Summit CARES.
- **Bike-a-thon** – Charge and entry fee. Participants collect pledges for the number of miles they ride.
- **Executive Chair Race** – Set up a relay course for executives to go through, the executives are either sitting in a chair or on tricycles. Let observers "bet" on their favorite contestants.
- **Office Olympics** – Set up an obstacle course in the lunchroom, several offices, and several floors of offices or outside. One station can be for typing a couple of paragraphs, another station for filing, another for photocopying, etc. The contestants pay an entry fee with the funds going to Unite Way.
- **Tricycle Race** – Set up an office relay course for participants to go through, either sitting in a chair or on tricycles. Have employees "bet" on their favorite contestants to win.
- **Spell S-U-C-C-E-S-S** – Hold a spell-a-thon with each contestant collecting donations for the number of words they spell correctly. The top winners receive donated prizes.

Auctions/Giveaways

- **Wall of Wine** – Have leadership donate bottles of wine, including a couple of high-value bottles. Bag the wines and display them on a table. Employees purchase tickets for \$10 and get to select one of the bottles of wine.
- **Silent Auction** – Secure items from vendors, co-workers, and the leadership team. Allow employees to pay for their items via payroll deduction.
- **Raffle for Executive Parking Spot**
- **Baskets for Auction** – Gather your department and create themed baskets for a raffle. Basket theme ideas include, Backyard BBQ, Wine Lover, Beer Lover, Activities for the Kids, Movie Night, etc.
- **Balloon Pop** – Place gift cards or small prizes inside balloons and sell raffle tickets to get a chance to pop the \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 etc. balloon at your campaign wrap up celebration.
- **Home Grown** – Employees donate items for auction such as cakes, cookies, monthly parking spots, a weekend at their summer cabin or a home cooked dinner. Services such as a car detailing, a month of lawn mowing or painting also may be auctioned off.

Leadership Fun

- **CEO Embarrassment & Change for Change** – Whether it is a pie in the face, dunk tank, or any number of other activities, embarrassing the senior leadership is always a popular activity. Conduct a change for change drive. As a part of the drive, give all of the Leadership Team a bucket with their picture next to it. Any coins add to the total amount and dollar bills take away from total. Leadership that raises the least gets embarrassed.

- **Leadership Lunch** – During the campaign, encourage participation amongst employees. The department with the highest participant gets to attend a lunch or dinner hosted by all senior leadership. Lunch can also be for those that give \$500 or more.
- **Executive Auction** – Get the executive staff to donate half a day to the campaign. Then auction each executive off to employees. The executive must take over the employee's job for that half day.

Food

- **Mobile Food Sales** – Host a coffee cart or ice cream truck. Sales of all items come to Lee's Summit CARES.
- **Pancake & Waffle Breakfast** – Host a pancake or waffle breakfast for employees. Charge employees for the ticket. Encourage leadership to serve food at the breakfast as a way to show their support for the campaign.
- **Bake Sales** – Ask employees to bring their favorite cakes, cookies or breads. Even a small office can raise a lot of money with minimal effort. Sell per item or by the dozen.
- **Lunch Time Meals** – Sponsor a lunch of spaghetti, chili, barbecue or another favorite food. Charge a flat fee for all you can eat, enough to cover expenses and a small contribution.
- **All you can eat Potato Bar** – You will want to have baked potatoes with all the fixin's. Chili, sour cream, shredded cheese, butter, steamed broccoli, melted cheese, chives, bacon bits, sautéed onions, sautéed mushrooms, hot peppers, ham, and spices.. The possibilities are endless.
- **Barbecue Contest** – Fire up the grill and breakout your best BBQ recipe. Ask members of the team to act as judges and have different categories for various meats or vegetables. Require guests to pay to attend. receive a flamingo in your office, you can pay \$2 to send it away.
- **Dinner For a Week** – Get 7 restaurants to donate a dinner for 2 and raffle off a week of eating out. Sell tickets for around \$30 each. The lucky winners are able to eat out every night for a week.

Friendly Competition

- **Coin Wars** – Get rid of your change for Lee's Summit CARES. Set-up large water jugs in each department and do a coin war. The highest fundraising department wins a pizza party.
- **Competition between Companies** – Do you have a vendor or a competitor that also runs a workplace giving campaign with Mile High United Way? Consider doing a friendly competition between companies. Most raised? Most participation? Most food donated? The winning company has to provide the other company with a prize (i.e.: hosted lunch, tickets to a sporting event, etc.).

Classics

- **Flamingo Insurance** – Company purchases 20 inexpensive flamingos (stuffed, on a stand, etc.). Employees can purchase Flamingo Insurance from HR for \$5 to insure that no flamingos can enter their office or cubicle. Employees pay \$5 to send a flamingo to an office or cubicle that does not have a Flamingo Insurance sign provided by HR. If you end up with flamingos in your office you pay \$2 to send them away.
- **Jeans Stickers** – This is an oldie but a goodie. Sell stickers for jeans days. Some companies will sell stickers that are good for the entire year!