

# CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR'S GUIDE

# CAMPAIGN BEST PRACTICES CHECKLIST

Pick 2-3 best practices that you want to incorporate or grow in your campaign this year!

# BUILD A RELATIONSHIP WITH UNITED WAY STAFF

Meet with United Way staff to help you assess the strengths of last year's Campaign and suggest areas for improvement. Ask for information about additional recognition opportunities.

### SECURE TOP-LEVEL SUPPORT

Involve your CEO in all initial planning. Discuss budget, corporate gifts, and CEO involvement throughout the Campaign.

# **DEVELOP A PLAN AND SET GOALS**

Plan your Campaign timeline, budget, and design your Campaign. Be creative and set achievable goals.

# ORGANIZE A TERRIFIC TEAM

Recruit a committee to help. Involve friendly and outgoing employees from ALL levels and departments of your company who will build excitement for the Campaign and make sure that everyone is asked to give.

# PROMOTE AND PUBLICIZE THE CAMPAIGN

Share how, where, and when to pledge and incentivize giving. Utilize and distribute United Way Campaign materials.

# MAKE THE ASK: EMPLOYEE MEETINGS OR ONE-ON-ONE

Include new hires, current staff and leadership, and retirees in the asking process by providing them with pledge forms. This is the most important step. The number one reason employees don't give is because they were never asked.

### PROMOTE LEADERSHIP GIVING

Encourage and recognize levels of Leadership gifts with peer-to-peer solicitation and personal asks. Successful Campaigns have heavy involvement from leadership, setting an example of participation from the top down.

# WRAP UP & REPORT OUT

Announce your final results to your organization and your local United Way in a timely manner and thank everyone involved! Determine how you will collect all the completed pledge forms and check for accuracy.

# RECOGNITION & THANK YOU

Sponsor a breakfast, luncheon, build your own sundae bar, or reception to thank employees. Those two simple words not only show appreciation, but also set the tone for year-round communication and next year's Campaign.

### YEAR-ROUND ENGAGEMENT

Learn more about what it means to LIVE UNITED at unitedwaynela.org. Invite United Way staff to employee engagement functions year-round, if appropriate.

# WHAT DO YOUR EMPLOYEES CURRENTLY EXPERIENCE?

Think about every United Way
Campaign touchpoint that
employees currently experience:

Receive "start of Campaign" email See posters in the break room Hear presentation during safety meeting, etc.

Write out what your employees currently experience that has the greatest impact:

Write out what your employees currently experience that does NOT have much impact:



Write out what experiences would be the most meaningful for your employees:			
	START OF CAMPAIGN	•••••	
	DURING THE CAMPAIGN		
	AFTER THE CAMPAIGN		



# BUILDING YOUR CAMPAIGN PLAN\_\_\_\_\_

Last Year's Campaign Recap	\$/% Increase	This Year's Workplace Campaign Goals
# of Donors		
# of Leadership Donors		
Employee Participation Rate		
Employee Average Gift		
Raised From Employee Gifts		
Corporate Gift (Or Company Match)		
Special Event Dollars Raised (Optional)		
TOTAL CAMPAIGN DOLLARS RAISED		

1.	MEET WITH UNITED WAY STAFF	Date	
2.	DETERMINE CAMPAIGN DATES	Start Date End Date	
	RECRUIT CAMPAIGN TEAM a individuals from different departments to champion to	the Campaign in their department)	
1.		5	
2.		6	
3.		7	
4.		8.	

# **CAMPAIGN TEAM COMMUNICATION PLAN**

WHAT	WHEN	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE
Pre-Campaign Communications (Posters, Emails, etc.)		
Announce Campaign Start & Company Support		
Reminder of Meetings & Giving Opportunities		
Presentations/Group Meetings		
Reminder Email		
Reminder Email 2		
Last Chance to Submit Your Pledge		
Other		

# CAMPAIGN TIMELINE & CHECKLIST\_\_\_\_\_

2-3 Weeks Before	1 Week Before
Attend United Way of Northeast Louisiana Campaign Coordinator Training & receive Campaign materials.	Promote and publicize your Campaign with posters and promotional materials.
Review the previous Campaign's performance and determine opportunities/challenges.	Send an email from your CEO to all employees endorsing upcoming Campaign.
Meet with United Way Staff to develop strategies and timeline for reaching new Campaign goals.	Identify an employee who is a champion for United Way to share their story at Campaign meetings.
Meet with your CEO to confirm his/her commitment; share Campaign goals and confirm a corporate contribution.	Consider personalizing pledge forms.
Recruit and train a Campaign Team from all company departments.	Plan thank you/incentives for participation with turning in pledge forms at meetings, new/increased giving, leadership giving, etc.
Recruit a Leadership Chair to identify and ask current and potential Leadership Donors to maintain and grow this segment.	
Establish a giving program for retirees to retain their gift.	
Set dates for employee meetings & Campaign kickoff that can be attended by the CEO and all employees.	
Plan your Campaign theme and any special events (optional).	



Employee Campaign!	After Your Campaign
Kick off your Campaign group meetings.	Wrap up Campaign and collect all pledge forms; follow up with those who did not turn in pledge forms.
Ask your CEO to attend and publicly endorse the Campaign.	Track results and communicate totals so far to Campaign Team.
Make sure every employee receives materials and has the opportunity to give.	Conduct any Special Events after the pledge form Campaign (optional).
Show the United Way video.	Submit Campaign report and pledge forms to your company's payroll department; Email Campaign Spreadsheet to be completed.
Include your United Way Staff to explain impact.	Email completed Campaign Spreadsheet to your United Way Staff Representative; keep a copy of pledge forms for your records.
Collect pledge forms at employee meeting.	Submit final Campaign report, pledge forms, and envelope to United Way; make appointment for pick-up/drop-off.
Thank employees for their participation.	Celebrate your success; thank all donors with a celebration event, letter, email, or gift.
Send follow-up emails every few days to build awareness and remind of Campaign deadlines. Include community facts, employee testimonials and success stories.	Conduct a Campaign debriefing with your team and United Way Staff Representative.







# THANK YOU IDEAS

Think of great ways you can say "THANK YOU" to employees for participating in the Campaign. Check the ideas below that might help you get started:

- Custom-branded T-shirts
- Door Prize Drawings for Attending Meetings
- O Drawing for a Cash Prize
- Drawing for a Thanksgiving Turkey
- Two-hour Early Dismissal One Friday a Month
- Employee Donation Match
- Free Lunches for a Week
- Gift Card for Dining, Gas/Groceries, or Movie Passes
- Two-hour Late Arrival Once a Month
- Lunch for All Donors
- Prime Parking Spot for a Week/Month
- Sports Events Tickets

# FUN IDEAS & EVENTS (optional)

- Crazy Hat Day
- O Dunk Tank
- Pizza Party
- Scavenger Hunt in the Office
- Tricky Turkey (just like Dirty Santa game)

# THANK YOU

United Way of Northeast Louisiana fights for the education, financial stability, and health of every person in our community.

Join the fight at UnitedWayNELA.org





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Campaign Year	Envelope Number	
ANDAR Acct#		

# **CAMPAIGN REPORT**

PARTIA	\L	FINAL

1. Please be sure that all information is provided.

- Complete this report for only pledge authorizations or payments included in this envelope.
   If you receive additional pledges, you may revise this report by contacting Resource Development at RD@unitedwaynela.org
- 3. Please list the names and amounts of all employees who gave \$500 or more on the enclosed Leadership Form or on the campaign spreadsheet.

Firm / Organization Name & Address			
Chief Executive Officer:		Campaign Coordinator:	
Firm/Organization Name:		Teleph	none:
Firm/Organization Address:		Date Si	ubmitted:
CORPORATE GIFT		Annual Amount	FOR UNITED WAY USE ONLY
1. Paid now		_ \$	
2. To be billed Monthly	Quarterly	\$	
z. To be blilled   Monthly	Quarterry	\$	
3. <b>SUB-TOTAL</b> (Lines 1-2)			
EMPLOYEE GIFT	# of Donors		
4. Cash		\$	
5. Checks		\$	
6. Credit Cards		\$	
7. Direct Bill		\$	
8. Payroll Deduction Pledges: To be Billed  Monthly Quarterly		\$	
9. <b>Total Employee Giving</b> (Lines 4-8)		\$	
10. Non-Employee Giving/Special Events		\$	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b> (Lines 3 + 9 + 10)		\$	

### THIS FORM CANNOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

Total Number of Employees	Total Number of Leadership Givers
Number of Donors	Leadership List <b>ENCLOSED NONE</b>
Number of 1-hour givers	Specific Care Forms: <b>ENCLOSED NONE</b>
Number of 2-hour givers	Campaign Spreadsheet <b>ENCLOSED EMAILED</b>
Number of 1% givers	
5	Accounting Dept. Contact Title Phone
Company Ren Signature Title Phone	United Way NELA Staff Signature

# NOTES





