**SPECIAL EVENTS GUIDE**

**Special events motivate and promote team spirit**

*Running a United Way Campaign is good for Konza United Way and your organization as they bring employees together to support our community and have fun! Include one or more special events in your United Way Campaign to help motivate and promote team spirit, raise awareness and money to support progress on community goals.*

*We know that Employee Campaign Champions and their committees are the real experts when it comes to events. Your enthusiasm and creativity make these events really SPECIAL. If you are looking to try something new this year, review the list of event ideas to help spark your creativity. A special thank you to all of the volunteers who contributed their ideas!*



**FOOD**

Restaurant Take-Over or Guest Bartenders

*Restaurant or bar donates a portion of sales to your campaign on a designated day. Staff are invited to volunteer and help.*

Walking Tacos

*Sell individual bags of Frito Chips and employees can customize with provided taco meat, cheese, salsa and sour cream.*

Leadership Grill-Out

*Leadership team grills hot dogs and brats and sells them with chips and a drink*

Taste of the World Luncheon

*Employees pay a fee to eat a small buffet of international foods.*

Carnival Lunch

*Set up a mini carnival in the break room over the lunch hour. Charge to play. Easy game ideas include ring toss, balloon pop, cake walk, and ping pong toss.*

Pie Face

*For a fee, employees nominate one another to receive a pie in the face. Top 4 people with the most votes receive a pie in their face at a company event.*

Donut Eating Contest

*Employees raise money by sponsoring contenders on a per-donut-eaten basis. The winner is determined by either eating the most donuts in a time frame or the first to finish a set number of donuts.*

Chili Cook-Off

*Convert a conference room into a Chili Test Kitchen. Employees provide chili and compete to win a prize. Admission is charged to sample the chili recipes.*

Tailgate Party

*Host a tailgate party. Charge a fee to attend. Include food and games.*

State Fair Pie Tasting

*Invite employees to bake a prize-winning pie. Employees pay to vote on the best pie.*

Soup Contest

*Staff enter their soup in a contest to win a special incentive. Charge a small fee to have the employees vote for their favorite soup.*

**FUN AND GAMES**

ETO (Extra Time Off) Goodie Bags

*Assemble and sell bags of candy. In each bag include a slip of paper with a message. A few messages say, “Congratulations you won 4 hours of extra time off,” or some type of incentive. Other messages say, “Sorry, you didn’t win this time. Please play again.” You could also add other prizes to the Goodie Bags such as gift cards.*

Poker Walk

*Employees walk to 5 stations, picking up a card at each. Best poker hand wins.*

Bingo

*Bingo cards sold and games played over the lunch hour.*

Rubber Ducky Pond

*Employees pay $1 and pick a duck to win a prize.*

Fuzzy Slippers

*Find a large pair of fuzzy slippers. Employees pay to choose a co-worker to wear them for a specified amount of time.*

Balloon Pop!

*Put the name of a donated prize in each balloon. Charge employees to pop balloons to discover their prize.*

Office Olympics

*Assign employees to teams for various competitions such as Frisbee throwing, rubber band archery, water relay and paper shoot-out, with points earned.*

Buy a Boa

*Purchase a brightly colored feather boas to sell. The purchaser chooses a person to wear the boa for the day. To get rid of the boa, the wearer must pay to pick another employee to wear the boa. The boa must be worn at least 10 minutes prior to choosing another lucky boa wearer.*

Penny Wars

*Teams compete to gather the most spare change. Pennies are worth positive points and everything else negative points. Losing team buys the winning team lunch.*

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. Pumpkins can be taken home and carved for a later Pumpkin Carving contest.*

Bean Bag Toss Tournament

*Entry fee charged for single elimination bean bag tournament. Winner receives bragging rights for the year.*

Wii Olympics

*A series of one-on-one Wii sport challenges.*

White Elephant Sale

*Employees donate odd items for sale. Co-workers have the opportunity to buy items and stipulate in whose workspace these items should be displayed. Set a time frame for which objects must stay in that location.*

Executive Tricycle Race

*Executives volunteer to race tricycles and employees bid on who they want to see race.*

Campaign and Community

*Boost your campaign by engaging with one of KUW’s partner agencies. Contact your Relationship Manager for more information.*

Flamingo Flocking

*Choose a theme for your workplace (flamingos, sports teams, cartoons, etc.) and invite employees to provide a donation to flock a co-worker for a day. Employees can also purchase an “insurance plan” if they don’t want to be flocked!*

Guessing Games

*Fill a jar with anything – Skittles, M&Ms, Hershey Kisses. Charge for each guess. Closest guess wins the jar.*

Dunk Tank

*Managers volunteer to sit in a dunk tank and employees buy chances to dunk them.*

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.*

**FOR SALE**

Candy Grams

*Sell candy bars or small bags of candy. Charge for inter-office delivery.*

Flower Sale

*Sell flowers by the stem. Charge for inter-office delivery*

Silent Auction

*Weeklong auction of items donated by local businesses and employees. To participate, people purchase a bid number, to provide some anonymity and drive up bids.*

Front Row Parking

*Raffle off front row parking spots for a year, or during winter months*

Themed Baskets

*Ask individuals or departments to create theme related baskets. Auction off baskets to each highest bidder.*

Talent Auction

*Employees donate special talent or skills for colleagues to bid on, for example scuba lessons, knitting classes, food for the department, handcrafted jewelry, scrapbook services or a musical performance.*

Executive Chef

*Auction off a dinner for two or more at the home of an executive (or lunch out of the office with an executive).*

Extra Vacation

*Raffle off an additional day or half day of vacation.*