

Recipes for Caring

Bringin' in the Dough

Include a cookie with each pledge form. At the end of the campaign, have a cookie party where everyone brings in his or her favorite homemade cookies.

Cook-off

Hold a company cooking competition. Invite a guest (possibly a United Way volunteer or client) to sample the specialties and award prizes to winners. To make it more fun, group entries into categories of entrees, desserts, etc. Also, group employees together into teams of chefs who have to create their recipe as a team. Hold the event during lunch so that the foods can be enjoyed by all.

Watermelon Eating Contest

This contest isn't limited to just watermelon – this actually works well with other foods as well. Have upper management participate and place bets on who will win! This works with pies, ice cream, pineapple, hot dogs, marshmallows, twinkies ... whatever your "subjects" are willing to eat for charity! Note: United Way is not responsible for indigestion or angry upper management.

Is it Chili in Here?

Chili Cook-Offs are always popular – Have each department form a team and prepare their special "secret recipe" for chili. Use a Western or Mexican theme for decorations. Make your United Way Chili Cook-Off an annual event.

Passport to Taste

Host an International Lunch! Have employees bring ethnic dishes for potluck, wear costumes from different countries. Complete your international theme by decorating with flags and items from around the globe! Charge \$1 or \$1 a plate.

Pizza Party

If your company has a kitchen with ovens, you could actually have a lot of fun with this and have departments make their own pizzas. Judges, upper management or a United Way volunteer maybe, can decide who has the best pizza and that group gets a complimentary lunch at a local Italian restaurant! Or just have pizza delivered ... by the plant manager to your staff! There are lots of variations to enjoying Italiano!

Throw a pie

Ahhh ... a good ol' cream pie toss! Hold a raffle so employees can "win" an opportunity to throw pies at a manager, or even award pies to the employees if they reach a certain level of contribution. JUST A TIP: Blueberry pies may not be a good choice for tossing at your direct supervisor! Trust us!

Sweet Delivery

Employees send candy-grams for \$1 each. Or, for a larger contribution, provide single stem flowers with the candy!

Got the Scoop?

Have management serve ice cream to employees to thank them for a successful campaign and good participation. Have all the different toppings and sauces for a real "sundae" treat!!

Employee Cookbook

Collect recipes and helpful household hints into a customized cookbook. Employees' children create illustrations for the cookbook, including the cover. Print or copy and bind books. Sell to employees and/or charge a small fee for submitting an entry. This event has been so popular that some have not been able to fill all requests. Plan for an enthusiastic response.