

Combined Fund Drive Awareness & Fundraiser Ideas:

We put up a display on a bulletin board in the hallway each year. We hang up the CFD poster, brochures from charities, and balloons. The display has helped raise awareness of the fund drive.

Chili Cook-off:

Department heads were the chefs and employees made a donation to vote for the best chili. All of the donations were sent to our favorite CFD charity while the contest winner held the bragging rights.

One year I purchased a glass pumpkin candy jar, filled it with wrapped chocolates and had all CFD donors guess the quantity. Person guessing closest to actual number of chocolates won it.

Other years I purchased items (a Christmas blanket, a Thanksgiving platter with gravy boat, a Christmas platter) that all CFD donors were entered into raffle to win. With around 200 employees in our department I figured even if they only gave \$1.00 (and most gave much more) it was still a good way to earn money for the charities.

Themed Rummage Sale:

Theme could be clothing, sports gear, camping gear, jewelry, etc. Employees are asked to donate clean and in good condition items only. All items are then sold at a fair price with all proceeds going to charity through the CFD! All leftover items are then donated to charities.

We did an event with Cheerful Givers where department volunteers made birthday gift bags for the organization. People donated toys or money to purchase items for the gift bags and one day during lunch, everyone got together and put the bags together. I think we made about 80 bags.

Here is what we envision: "An Annual Payroll Deduction Competition." Each Region has a different number of employees so we would have to do it on a percentage basis. We could use 2009 Regional percentages as a starting platform. Then by the end of the 2010 the Region that came the closest to 100% would get bragging rights and a plaque or trophy that we could put the Region name and year on with room to add future winners and each year the winning Region would get to keep the trophy in their Region and as I stated have bragging rights. If a report could be generated each month of the campaign and those numbers given to the Regional Coordinators each Region could keep a thermometer of progress and maybe use their Employee newsletters to rally the employees.

We are also thinking of doing something similar within Region only we will be asking donors to volunteer their name and keep a running list of donors published. Lots of people like seeing their name on a list and we hope this will generate more payroll deduction donations. We know that we would have to have this be on a voluntary basis as some people wish to remain anonymous and because we know that none of us have access to the names of current donors. We had a "push up challenge" for Toys for Tots. I invited Marines to come to our safety meeting. I asked for volunteers to do push-ups (one guy did a hand stand) and others paid an elective amount for how long they could last, number of push-ups, a one-time amount or payroll deduction for Toys for Tots. The Marines offered fun encouragement so it was a lot of fun and was good for kids on the receiving end of it. It was fun for everyone!!! The Marines are eager to come and talk about Toys for Tots too.

The object of the Penny Jar Competition is to have the penny jar with the most points. We have found that the game is more fun when there are more than two teams / penny jars.

Here are the rules for the game:

- Competition Start Date: Monday, 9/13/2010
- Competition End Date: Thursday, 10/7/2010 at 10:00 a.m.
- Every penny that is in the jar counts as a point.
- Every coin that is in the jar that is not a penny counts as negative points (i.e., a nickel equals -5 points; a dime equals -10 points, etc.)
- Once coins are placed in a jar, they cannot be taken out of that jar.
- Only US currency will count as points.
- Dollar bills can be placed in the jar, but they do not count as points toward the competition at all.
- The Penny Jars for each team will be at Angie's Desk from 8:00 a.m. - until 3:30 p.m. each work day.
- The jars will be pulled and the points will be counted at 10:00 a.m. on each Thursday (9/16, 9/23, and 9/30, with a final count on 10/7). The point count for each team will be posted as the count is complete.
- The team with the highest point score at the final count will be considered the winning team.
- The proceeds will go to support a CFD listed Charity Organization chosen by the winning team!

Our office is looking at putting together a "garage sale auction". Employees bring photos of items that they would put in a garage sale, create a sheet with a description of the item and a starting bid. A bid sheet is attached to that item and the highest bidder at the end of the month gets the item. All of the proceeds are sent to the CFD.

I completely cover the tables in the lunch room with brochures from different charities (that I get at the CFD Kickoff) and cover it all with clear contact paper.

For October we are doing a "Pumpkin Pop"... We are buying \$1 scratch tickets and placing them in orange balloons. People can pay \$2-3 and pop a balloon, and they get to keep that scratch ticket.
