

CAMPAIGN CHAMPIONS



UNITED WAY
of Central Texas



2025 CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR

UNITED IS THE WAY - WE ARE UNITED!



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UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL TEXAS



LIVE UNITED

OUR VISION:

United Way of Central Texas envisions a community where all individuals and stability.

OUR MISSION:

United Way of Central Texas improves lives by mobilizing community partnerships and resources to advance the common good.

WHAT WE WANT TO COMMUNICATE:



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- We are working to improve lives and ensure the stability and well-being of every person throughout our diverse Central Texas communities
- We raise money locally and invest locally
- We help Central Texas' working families and individuals
- We are results-driven and research-based
- We create opportunities for anyone to be a philanthropist

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Campaign Champions are the critical link between United Way of Central Texas and the employees of our corporate partners that help us make Central Texas counties greater.



IN THIS GUIDE, YOU WILL FIND:

- Step-by-step instructions on planning every aspect of your campaign, from the logistical to the fun
- Ideas and tips to make your campaign more engaging for all employees
- Links to additional resources that will help you plan your campaign We hope you will use this guide as a go-to resource for your campaign needs, but a guide can only do so much.
- UWCT staff are available to help with the rest, so please reach out to us anytime.

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WORKPLACE GIVING

ANNUAL EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN

It feels good to be part of the solution. When you hold a United Way Campaign at your workplace, you are opening your employees and co-workers to easy ways they can make a difference like donating through payroll deductions, participating in special events, or volunteering with one of our community partners.



BENEFITS OF BEING A CAMPAIGN CHAMPION:

- You are recognized as a leader in your organization.
- You develop your leadership, project management, and public speaking skills.
- You make a personal investment in your community, learning how issues are addressed.
- Wide visibility of your project management skills throughout the organization.
- Awareness of your direct impact to the community.





CAMPAIGN CHAMPION ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A CAMPAIGN CHAMPION?

Become a United Way Cheerleader!

Learn all about United Way and become the go-to expert at your workplace. Help educate your colleagues and inspire support for United Way's mission across Central Texas.

Schedule a planning meeting with United Way staff to develop an effective campaign plan and goal.

Recruit and coordinate a team of company volunteers to help you with the campaign.

Share your campaign plan and goal with the CEO or senior decision-maker, getting his or her approval and ensuring support of the campaign.

Coordinate your company's kick off event, , special fundraising events, recognition events, to include the distribution, collection of campaign materials and pledge forms.

Promote the campaign throughout your organization and give everyone the opportunity to give.

Encourage leadership to participate in giving during your campaign. (We'll share more details about this later in the guidebook.)

Monitor your campaign's progress and share regular updates with your team through email, intranet sites, newsletters, or any other communication channels available to you. Keep your CEO or senior leadership informed about how the campaign is going. Remember to submit the United Way report form when required.

Say thank you to everyone at your company for their help and participation. Have fun and feel good about the work you are doing. After the after the campaign, identify successes and areas for improvement.

BEST PRACTICES



#1 EDUCATE YOURSELF ABOUT UWCT

The more you know about United Way and running a campaign, the more successful you will be promoting your campaign, communicating the mission of United Way, and leading your team.

- Attend Campaign Champion Training
- Keep this Guide and refer to it often
- Bookmark our website (UWCT.org)
- Follow us on social media for real-time updates

#2 RECRUIT & TRAIN YOUR CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

- Don't run your campaign alone. Recruit a committee of enthusiastic, resourceful, and committed employees to help you plan the best possible campaign!
- Diversity is important. Involve representatives from various departments in your organization, such as marketing, communications, human resources, payroll, etc.
- Set up regular committee meetings and delegate responsibilities. You can ensure campaign success by creating roles and responsibilities for committee members, such as marketing and events, campaign communication, department liaison, payroll contact, etc.



#3 SECURE EXECUTIVE OR TOP-LEVEL SUPPORT

The success of your campaign relies heavily on strong top-down support, especially the commitment, buy-in, and active involvement of your CEO and executive team.

Securing visible support from leadership not only streamlines the planning process but also builds momentum, significantly increasing your chances of achieving your campaign goals.



#4 DEVELOP A CAMPAIGN PLAN

- Use data to drive decisions.
- Set a challenging, yet attainable goal.
- With the campaign committee, lay out the campaign plan and employee engagement calendar.
- Share the tasks so everyone is contributing to the campaign events and the workload is evenly distributed.



#5 PROMOTE AND PUBLICIZE YOUR CAMPAIGN/ACTIVITIES

You and your committee can be creative in generating publicity and creating excitement and interest. You know your environment the best and what will be most effective for your culture.

Campaigns with great visibility encourage everyone to take part in them. Consider using email, intranet sites, personalized letters, pay stub inserts, and UWCT materials to promote the campaign.

Place flyers and brochures in prominent places like lobbies, kitchens/lounges, and elevators to announce the UWCT campaign dates and important information.

#6 PROMOTE LEADERSHIP GIVING

Leadership donors contribute \$500 or more annually to United Way.

- Ask your CEO to appoint an executive who will lead the Leadership Giving Campaign.
- Set a meeting designed to educate upper management and organizational leaders..
- Encourage and incentivize the management team to participate.

• **Contact your United Way rep to order these UWCT materials:**

• **Articles Brochures**
• **Digital Materials**

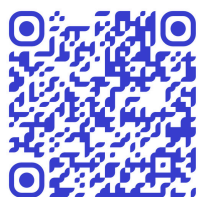
- **Pledge Forms**
- **UWCT Videos**
- **UWCT Giveaways**



#7 PLAN AND IMPLEMENT A GREAT KICKOFF EVENT

A kickoff event is a very successful way to communicate a consistent message to your employees about the needs in the community and services United Way helps provide. Your kickoff event can help generate enthusiasm and support for the campaign.

Make sure your CEO and senior management can attend. Kick the campaign off at an all staff meeting already on the calendar (this prevents employees from having to attend an additional meeting or rearrange their schedules).



#8 VOLUNTEER

Create an employee volunteer group to see how your contributions make a difference in the community while giving employees a sense of ownership and building morale. Register to volunteer with UWCT by visiting our website or scanning this QR code.

Use the themes **UNITED IS THE WAY, WE ARE UNITED, Everyone Everywhere has the Opportunity to THRIVE**; educate your peers by showing the United Way video, inviting United Way partner agency speakers, and having your management representatives endorse the campaign.

If your company has multiple shifts, make sure to plan a kickoff for other shifts, too (United Way staff is happy to help – no matter what time of the day!)

At your kickoff event, consider distributing promotional items like pens, coffee mugs, balloons, or other giveaways. Many companies choose to order a selection of items and award them through prize drawings during the event to add excitement and engagement.





#9 MAKE THE ASK

Do you know why most people do not give to United Way? Because they were never asked. Most people are generous and want to give, so ask them to donate and make it an easy process.

#10 WRAP UP THE CAMPAIGN

Tallying the results and completing the report form is essential for keeping your employees informed throughout the year about how their contributions are making a difference in the community.

#11 YEAR-ROUND ENGAGEMENT

UWCT is able to tailor options to support your company's employee engagement and corporate social responsibility objectives by year-round community engagement:

- Volunteer activities
- In-kind donation drives: school supplies, hygiene kits, summer fan drives, etc.
- United Way partner agency tours
- UWCT Day of Caring



E-PLEDGE FUNDRAISING



SETTING UP AN E-PLEDGE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN WITH UWCT & GiveSmart

Connect with your UWCT campaign representative to discuss your options for running a digital campaign.

Through the GiveSmart fundraising platform, donors have the option of making a one-time credit card donation or a traditional payroll deduction.

Your UWCT campaign representative will work closely with you in setting up your personalized GiveSmart digital fundraising link.

Launch your E-pledge fundraiser and share your link with employees!



CAMPAIGN AID



VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Promoting employee volunteerism boosts staff morale and deepens the philanthropic commitment among your employees. UWCT can provide a menu of volunteer opportunities throughout the year, as well as manage all project logistics. By doing so, your company's volunteer engagement your day-to-day work responsibilities. Volunteer activities can take place on-site or in community based locations.

CAMPAIGN CHECKLIST

BEFORE THE CAMPAIGN

- ☐ Meet with your United Way representative
- ☐ Attend the Campaign Champion Training
- ☐ Secure CEO/Senior Management Support
- ☐ Review Campaign history and set your goals
- ☐ Recruit a campaign committee to help with the campaign
- ☐ Determine your campaign plan, dates (time frame), and any incentives
- ☐ Gather your campaign communications and any campaign materials including digital materials
- ☐ Schedule your kick-off, United Way speakers, and any special events
- ☐ Promote the campaign with an announcement

DURING THE CAMPAIGN

- ☐ Distribute pledge forms/E-pledge links and campaign materials to every employee
- ☐ Set goal of 100% ask rate. Promote the campaign, kick-off, and special events through numerous channels
- ☐ Hold a mid-campaign committee meeting to review the progress towards the goal Send regular progress reports to employees
- ☐ Follow-up with individuals who have yet to turn in their pledge form
- ☐ Send reminders about campaign events, incentives, and deadlines
- ☐ Avoid leaving pledge cards in mailbox or on a desk without making an individualized ask

AFTER THE CAMPAIGN

- ☐ Collect all pledge forms and campaign material Schedule a time with your United Way representative to complete the paperwork
- ☐ Take care of any corporate contributions or matches on employee giving
- ☐ Send a thank you letter to everyone including the campaign committee and the CEO Publish a short story, photo, and the results of your campaign in the company newsletter
- ☐ Hold a post campaign committee meeting to evaluate the challenges and successes of the campaign (Keep the notes handy for next year)
- ☐ Talk to your United Way of Central Texas representative so that we can continue to improve our service

YEAR ROUND

- ☐ Keep employees updated on activities of United Way of Central Texas
- ☐ Promote volunteer opportunities to employees

SET A CHALLENGING YET ATTAINABLE GOAL



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ACCESS 2024 DATA

Employee giving total:

Leadership giving (\$500+ annually):

of Employees

of Donors

of Leadership
Givers

Employee Participation

(total # of donors divided by total # of employees)

Previous 3-year giving totals:

2021:

2022:

2023:

Difference year-to-year:

2020 to 2021 %

2022 to 2023 %

IDENTIFY POTENTIAL

Average gift \$ x # of new donors =
TOTAL increased participation:

of new Leadership Givers X \$500 =
TOTAL leadership increase:

IDENTIFY GROWTH

Does your company offer a corporate match for employee donations? If so, what are the guidelines? Does your company offer **sponsorships, grants, or other corporate gifts**? You may want to consider these types of questions when working to increase corporate support for United Way of Central Texas.

CALCULATE YOUR 2025-2026 GOAL

2025 Total Employee Giving + Potential growth based on new donors + Potential growth based on new Leadership Givers + Potential company gifts.

TOTAL



THANK YOU FOR LEADING THE WAY!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE HAS
THE OPPORTUNITY TO
THRIVE!

Your United Way Team

United Way of Central Texas staff is here to help you energize, engage, and inspire employees throughout your campaign. They are your greatest resource and are an important part of your TEAM. Contact us for help with your questions, scheduling speakers, developing customized volunteer experiences, and implementing new campaign strategies.

United Way Website

Visit UWCT.org to learn about our work and to download campaign materials, photos, videos and other campaign tools.

United Way Publications

Make sure everyone you are asking to support United Way receives these items. United Way publications provide an overview of our goals, statistics on community needs, descriptions of our services, and more.

Campaign Champion Manual

To energize and educate your committee and campaign team, equip them with this useful guide.

Campaign Toolkit

UWCT.org/campaign-toolbox to download resources.

United Way Videos

Share UWCT's videos to help your colleagues understand the breadth and impact of United Way's work. The videos featuring the stories of individuals who have been helped by United Way are another great tool to educate and inspire.



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