Special events allow you to raise additional funds in addition to payroll deductions and make your workplace United Way campaign extra fun! They work well as a kickoff, mid-campaign rally, and/or a final day celebration.

**Action Auction** — Utilize the skills and talents of workers and auction off skills or services of your staff instead of items.

**Wall of Wine** — Donated bottles of wine with a determined minimum value are placed in red and white bags (corresponding to type of wine); each bag is numbered. When someone buys a ticket, they will match their numbered ticket number to the numbered bag. This process keeps the event fair and eliminates favoritism. Variations: Beer can also be added (Red, White, and Brew). Non-alcoholic options include coffee, chocolate, or gift cards.

**Book, Music and DVD Sale** — Have employees donate old books, CDs, and DVDs for a company or department wide sale.

**Poker Walk** — Have five stations along a walking course your workers will complete. At each station they must pick up a playing card. Best hand at the end wins a prize.

**Basket Auctions** — Each department will create a basket theme and bring in items to fill the baskets which are auctioned off. Popular themes include movie night, game night, day at the beach, summer reading, or cooking baskets.

**Silent Auction** — Have employees, individuals, or businesses donate prizes and hold a silent auction or online auction.

**Ice Cream Social** — Provide the toppings for the ice cream and have employees pay for their favorite flavors and toppings. Providing a pledge form could reward having your dish scooped by management.

**Dunk Tank** — Rent a dunk tank and charge employees to dunk the management or other workers.

**Doggy Kissing Booth** — Have a dog join your office for a day to provide lots of TLC to your coworker. Have a contest so they can bring in their pup for a turn in the kissing booth.
NEW — SHARK TANK (OFFICE EDITION) Employees make a donation (you set price and terms) for an opportunity to pitch their idea to your leadership. Maybe they have an amazing product or service idea for your company but never get the chance to talk to the higher ups - here is their chance! Perhaps they want to pitch a zany idea just for laughs - that’s OK, too! Great fun for the contestants and the employees who watch!

Department or Company Challenge — Create competition to increase the amount collected in the campaign.

Cooking Contests — Pick a dish you want your employees to challenge each other over. Who makes the best or a specific dish? Reward the winner with a prize. Suggestions for food include chili, baked goods, and appetizers.

Dare to Care — Dares are made for individuals to carry out for a price. If the individual opts out they must pay a pre-determined price. Example: I dare Bob to wear a clown nose for the morning; if Bob carries out the dare, the darer pays. Ideas: Wearing fake glasses w/nose, standing on a chair crowing like a rooster, options vary depending on company/department approval. Limits must be determined so that one individual is not chosen for too many dares.

New - Pirate Booty - Sell raffle tickets for a chance to win all the treasure you’ve loaded in a treasure chest. Keep the bounty secret and offer hints along the way for added interest. Fill them up with your goodies.

Penny War — Divide employees into groups or departments. Each team will collect coins in a bucket or jar. The value of any pennies in the collection container is added to the total for that team, any higher value coins or dollars are counted against. Employees place pennies into their own container and other coins into the containers of the other teams. Highest scoring team (or least negative), wins a small prize.

NEW COSTUME ATTENTION GETTERS— Wear your own or borrow one of our kooky costumes during your United Way campaign. Your fellow employees will have a hard time not noticing you while your wearing one of our silly inflatable costumes. Great for the first day of your campaign to raise awareness!

Gaming Tournament — Using either board games or video games have employees form teams or compete individually in multiple games for high scores and domination. Have teams pay entry fees and provide smalls prizes to victors.

Office Olympics — Set up an office obstacle course in a lunchroom or conference room. Have stations with events like typing a paragraph, filing papers, photocopying, or pencil sharpening. Make it more physical is you wish by adding outdoor games. Have an entry fee and the winner gets a prize. NEW - WE HAVE SCOOTER BOARDS, MEDALS, OBSTACLE COURSE CONES and ADULT SIZE HOPPITY HOPS FOR YOU TO BORROW!
Bringing Back the Game Show — Employees build games to compete in classic game shows such as *Family Feud, Win it in a Minute* or *Jeopardy*.

Sports Tournaments — Have employees create teams to compete in sports such as basketball, baseball, or volleyball. Pay to wear your favorite team shirt.

Hula-Hoop Contest — Employees compete in teams or as individuals. Have your camera ready!

Pie in Face — Set up an event and auction off the opportunity to give a pie in the face.

Casual Dress — Employees can donate to receive a day of jeans. WE HAVE CASUAL DAY STICKERS AVAILABLE.

Massage Chair — Bring in a massage therapist for a day and allow those who submitted a pledge form sit down for five minutes to a relaxing massage. HINT - Some massage schools will do this for free.

Time Off with Pay — Everyone who submits a pledge form gets their name entered into a drawing for a half day or a full day off.

Best Parking Space - raffle off the best spot you have.

NEW Chopped Challenge (Office Edition) - just like the TV show but funnier! All donor’s names are entered into a raffle. Three lucky winners get to compete for the win by participating in an appetizer, entree, and dessert round! Judges (maybe three of your highest ranking leaders) taste the creations created from the basket of ingredients and vote on their favorites. Hysterical!

NEW Flamingo Flocking Fun - fill coworkers office or workspace with pink plastic flamingos, provide a ransom (removal) note requesting a donation for removal. Prudent employees can purchase Flamingo Flocking Insurance too by making a donation. Evil (wink, wink) coworkers can buy a flocking hit job so their fellow coworkers office/workplace is filled with these pesky, pink, birds - Hillarious!