

# UNITED WAY OF SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA

## Tips for running a virtual workplace campaign

### KICKOFF

- Set up a company-wide virtual meeting or two! Speakers are available to join your virtual kickoff to talk about the impact of gifts made to UWSWMN
- Consider recording a message from someone in upper management to share at the kickoff if he/she can't be there.

### RESOURCES

- Ambassador resources are available online at [UnitedWaySWMN.org/ambassador-resources](http://UnitedWaySWMN.org/ambassador-resources). Included on this page are many different ideas, including jean day stickers, examples of what specific dollar amounts will buy, information on rollover campaigns, etc.
- We are here to help you every step of the way. Just reach out with any questions 507-929-2273 or [unitedway@unitedwayswmn.org](mailto:unitedway@unitedwayswmn.org).

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**Need something that's not available on the Ambassador Resource page? Contact us!**

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### COMMUNICATIONS

- Consolidate and coordinate outgoing communications to co-workers to avoid overwhelming them. Consider sending a daily email.
- Have your committee make individual asks of their team members. Try phone calls or virtual meetings instead of emails. People give to people!

### INCENTIVES

- Popular prizes include a day (or hours) off with pay and raffles for unique experiences.
- Other ideas: drop off custom prize packages at your co-workers' homes; have food delivered or upgrade a co-worker's home office!
- See "Prize and Incentive Ideas" on our website for more ideas.

### VIRTUAL EVENTS

- Find opportunities to create virtual events. See several ideas on the fundraising Ideas resource.
- Empower co-workers to participate in virtual volunteer opportunities. One idea is to write encouraging notes to teachers and/or nursing home residents.



### CAMPAIGN MATERIALS

- If you're unable to pass out brochures and materials, email them to your co-workers and post them on your intranet.
- Can't use paper pledge forms? No problem.
  - Have co-workers use our fillable pdf form.
  - Have co-workers give through our online platform at [UnitedWaySWMN.org/donate](http://UnitedWaySWMN.org/donate).
  - Consider running a "rollover" campaign – refer to the "Rollover Campaign" resource.

### RECOGNITION AND THANKS

- Send thank you e-cards from your leadership team and/or campaign committee to those who support the campaign.
- Highlight givers of a certain level (with their permission) on a team call or monthly e-newsletter.
- Publicize results and reiterate the impact of gifts via your company newsletter, email and/or intranet.

**Join us & Get involved**  
**With your help, there's HOPE.**

### SOCIAL MEDIA TIPS – Follow us on our Socials

<https://www.unitedwayswmn.org/our-social-media-links>

#### BEFORE THE CAMPAIGN

- Feeling daring? Share your goal(s) on social media and record your progress publicly! This lets local people know you're company cares about local people!
- Prefer confidentiality? Share your goal(s) and track progress through internal communication networks.

#### DURING THE CAMPAIGN

- Follow UWSWMN on social media. We'll be sharing stories throughout the campaign and highlighting the work within our priority areas of health, education, financial stability, hunger and safety & well-being.
- Celebrate successes on your social accounts.
- Follow UWSWMN partner programs to know more about the impact they're making.

#### AFTER THE CAMPAIGN

- Share your final results on social media and/or through your internal communication channels.
- Thank your donors!
- Give a shout out to the individuals (if they approve) who gave at the leadership level, that were new donors, that increased their donation by a certain amount or percentage.