# *Walk for Children's* Fundraiser Event Ideas



# **EMPLOYEE COOKBOOK**

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

FOUNDATION

Collect recipes and household hints. Group the collection into sections for a customized cookbook. Employees' children provide the cover artwork and illustrations. Print and bind books by a local business pro bono.

## **FLASHBACK CARNIVAL**

Invite employees to an old-fashioned carnival, complete with cake walks, a bake sale, bubble blowing, and 50 cent hot dogs. Hold a hula hoop contest and hoop shoot. Charge participants a fee to enter the contest. Set up a dunk tank with all your favorite dunk-able executives. Charge \$2 for 3 balls.

#### **UGLY TIE OR UGLY EARRING CONTEST**

All contestants pay \$5 to enter the best awful earring or ugly ties they own (or can make or borrow). Place voting boxes at various places around the office, and charge \$1 per vote. Have a parade of all the contestants, offering a last chance to vote at the end of the day. Circulate the names of entrants the day before the event so employees can anticipate the voting. Bring a polaroid and charge for photos taken of the employees with their favorite contestant. Employees vote as many times as they want for their favorite.

### **BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL**

Hold daily/weekly "Blue Light Specials" rallies through your campaign. Have different divisions, departments, or project areas host each "special." Serve pastries and juice and have have a representative from an agency that your organization's campaign supports. Schedule entertainment. Organize prizes and games.

### **EMPLOYEE RAFFLE**

Ask employees to contribute something special for a raffle prize. Suggestions are:

- One day vacation
- Prizes donated by vendors
- Tickets to sporting events, concerts, etc.
- Gift certificates from retailers, restaurants, movie theaters, etc.
- Homemade pies, arts and crafts, home-cooked meal, etc.
- Lunch with a co-worker
- Car wash
- Tickets to a special event
- Weekend stay at a vacation, cabin, or condo

Employees can make contributions using a raffle donation form. Those employees turning in pledge forms early receive three raffle tickets. Employees turning in pledge forms after the "early" date but before the campaign's final event, receive one raffle ticket.

#### **INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY**

Team employees together to create tasty treats from around the world. Employees decorate their booths and dress in appropriate costumes. Hold the event over the lunch hour, allowing employees to purchase tickets redeemable for food at the booths. Invite a panel of "celebrity" judges to award prizes.

## **CRAFT AND BAKE SALE**

Bake sales are especially popular events. Craft sales give employees a chance to share their hobbies and special talents.