

The following activities could be used in your company to 1) motivate employees about Caring Rivers United Way, and 2) to raise funds for CRUW. Check out the activities and see which might be a good fit for you!

Campaign Activity	Description
Baby Picture Contest	Pin up pictures on a bulletin board of employee baby pictures. Have people make guesses as to names and ages. Have a prize for the closest guess.
Bake Sale	Have employees donate baked goods to a bake sale. No one can resist a good pie!
Ball Hop	Using bouncy balls with handles, have relay teams. Pass the finish line first!
Balloon Messages	Have employees buy a balloon to send to a fellow employee. The recipient must pay \$ to find out who sent the balloon; it may be that the sender just leaves the signature of "?" and the recipient never does find out who sent the balloon! Notes can be attached to the balloons.
Barbeque	Have a company barbeque.
Bean Bag Toss	\$1 for 3 throws. Prize for 1st, 2nd, 3rd.
Bowling	Set up a hallway with bottles filled with water and a small ball. See how many strikes take place!
Bubble Gum Jar Guess	\$.50 each guess or 3/\$1
Build a Caring Community	Do something nice for a co-worker, do something for yourself, feature an employee who volunteers in your organization's news-letter, volunteer at a UW agency during the day (yardwork, painting, etc.) or one hour a week (be a mentor, visit a school). If employees volunteer they could receive the time off with pay.
Button Sale	Use a button maker or get creative!
Cake Walk	Have employees bake cakes and hold a cake walk for a fee.
Candy Sale	Have a candy sale at work during lunch and break time.
Car Wash	Organize a weekend car wash with different prices for different sized vehicles.
Casual Day	Have employees pay \$1 for a Casual Day Sticker that allows them to dress down for the day.
Chili Cook Off	Have employees bring in their favorite chili and have employees pay to try samples.
Chocolate Jar	Have employees write down guesses as to how many chocolate kisses are in a jar. Closest person wins a prize.
Croquet Match	Teams or individuals.
Crossword Puzzle	Using UW terms, the first to complete the puzzle wins a prize. OR, do teams and the first team to finish wins a prize (must use identical puzzles).
Cut Outs	Cut outs may be purchased by customers/employees for \$1 and hung to show support for UW.
Dance with a Theme	Hold a dance for your employees; publicize for good turn out.
Dartboard Skills	Have employees take turns during the day throwing 3 darts for \$1. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd.
Drawings	During campaign, hold drawings for medium size items that have been donated to keep employee interest.
Dress Up Days	50's, 60s, 70s, etc./Dress like a favorite movie star/Cowboy/girl Day, etc.
Duct Tape Day	Choose someone well known, perhaps a CEO or Supervisor, to be duct taped. The employees pay for 2-3 feet of duct tape. The person being duct taped stands against a wall on a stool. The people who purchase the tape apply it to the person and the wall. When the person is secured to the wall, the stool is removed!
Dunk Tank	Employees/executives volunteer to be dunked for \$1 per try. Employees who turn in their pledge forms by a deadline will be given the opportunity to dunk someone for free.
Eating Contest	Eat the most in a given time -- burgers, pie, crackers, pickles, hot dogs, etc.
Egg Baby	A single egg is given to each staff member who must treat the egg with attention and care. They may choose to keep their baby all day long or pass it to another rperson for a babysitting charge of \$2. If dropped, a \$5 hospital fee charged for a cure.
Employee Cookbook	Caution...this could be fattening!
Ethnic Potluck	Bring awareness to the different cultures in your company by having everyone bring a dish. Have UW staff help serve.
Farmer's Market	Have employees bring in healthy food from their gardens!
Flamingos	For a fee, employees can have these obnoxious birds appear in their choice of departments or someone's office. The only way for the person or department to remove the birds is to pay a "flamingo removal fee." They may thenchoose at that time where the birds are going to be located. People may also purchase "flamingo insurance" as this prevents the birds from landing in their space. Signs can be made stating "This area Flamingo Protected." Have UW staff help with this.

Flower Sale	Employees can buy a flower to send to a fellow employee.
Fun Facts	Give everyone a card with their name on the front. Have them write an interesting true fact about themselves that nobody would know about them on the back. Compile all these facts and have employees guess who they belong to. The employee who guesses the most correct wins a prize.
Golf Tournament	Set up putting greens around the office for miniature golf, or have one hole for putting and see who can do the best. Try kneeling.
Guess Pumpkin Weight	Bring in a pumpkin and have employees write guesses as to the weight. The closest guess wins a prize.
Helium Balloons	Obtain coupons from sponsors, e.g., free coffee, 5% off, free video, etc. and put the coupons in the helium balloons. Have employees pay a fee for a balloon to decorate their office.
Ice Cream Social	Have ice cream cones or have employees build their own sundaes. Have UW staff help you.
Incentive Tickets	If pledge forms come in by a certain date/time, a prize is given. If employee increases their giving by a certain %, prize is given.
Jeans Day	\$3 per day or \$10 for the week
Kids Artwork	Have employee's children, customer's children, etc. draw pictures that show giving or sharing. Use these as thank you cards for your employees.
Leaves for Sale	Employees can buy a paper leaf for \$1 to put on a wall for decoration. Use your imagination with this concept.
Lip Synch Contect	Have employees practice and perform for prizes.
Marshmallow Golf	Set up a hole in the office and see how talented people are.
Matchbox Car Races	Each team can run relay races using the toy matchbox cars. Chopse a hallway and "Start Your Engines!"
Meal for Employees	Provide a meal if a certain number of plede cards are turned in by a deadline. Have a pancake breakfast, picnic lunch, or a barbecue dinner. Design placemats featuring Caring Rivers United Way.
Medallion Hunt	Have employees find the UW logo in the office with a medallion hunt. Employees will receive a clue to search for the medallion after they turn in their pledge form. Employees must pay for every clue after the first. Winner receives \$25?
Minnow Races	Cut a PVC pipe in half, fill it with water and use as your racetrack. Purchase minnows to be the racers and let the race begin! Minnows can be purchased by employees for bait, or they can be let go in the nearest lake.
Musical Chairs	We all have a child inside of us!
No Talent Show Talent Show	Have divisions or departments against one another; have them work on an act or a dance to perform to one another.
Office Survivor	Create your own game of company survivor. Be creative in your efforts.
Olympics	Use simple activities to involve all employees; roll a raw egg across a finish line with your chin or nose without breaking it. Have a hula hoop contest.
Pancake Breakfast	Have employees serve breakfast to other employees.
Paper Airplane Toss	Use hula hoops as targets! Have people throw paper airplanes (you may have to show them how to fold them, but lessons will cost!) into the hula hoops.
Pet Match	Match the photo of the pet to the owner. A real challenge.
Pie Toss	Pick your favorite "Pie in the Face" guy or girl. People pay for achance to hit the person in the mug! Use whipped cream pies.
Piza Party	Have a pizza party for lunch some day at work.
Polish Golf	\$2, Putting Contest free
Popcorn Sale	Sell popcorn at work with proceeds going to CRUW.
Pot Luck	Have each employee bring their favorite dish to share.
Putt for a Buck	Putt for a "Hole in One" as many times as you like, but it will cost you \$1 every time per game. By 2:00, whoever has the least putts for a "Hole in One" advances for the winning prize.
Radio Controlled Car Race	Obtain two remote control vehicles and race, or use one and time each contestant.
Raffle	It is legal for companies to hold a raffle if all proceeds go to a United Way.
Scavenger Hunt	Leave fun clues and have employees find items hidden within the company. Timed game is best. No running in the hallways!
Silent Auction	Instead of traditional items, use theme baskets = sports related, entertainment, fishing, cooking, relaxation, etc. Bid on the entire basket.
Spare Change Week	Have employees bring in their spare change for a week and see what can happen!
Speaker	Have a speaker from an agency talk to staff, perhaps with a specific interest. Connect with CRUW for ideas.
Sucker for a Buck	Pay \$1 and get a sucker and a prize that goes with it (color code the bottom of the sucker; certain color, certain prize). 50% of those who play will win.
Tailgate Lunch	

Theme Day	Beach Party, Mexican Fiesta Day, Pumpkin Carving, Sports Day, Bowling, Pajama Party, Wedding theme, Picnic theme ("Life's a Picnic!") Hollywood theme, Fitness, Team theme, Global theme, Auto theme, Lottery theme, Family theme, School theme, Pizza.
	During these days, food or items could be brought in for the local food shelf.
Tricycle Races	Set up a course in your parking lot. Remember the trike you use may never be the same since it was intended for those weighing probably no more than 50 lbs!
Trivia Contest	Use trivia from employees or Caring Rivers United Way.
Ugly Wardrobe Day	Go shopping at the nearest discount store for ugly wardrobe attire. Put everyone's name in a hat; first person drawn gets to put an item on. If they decide that they don't want to or have had enough of wearing it, they must pay \$3. Items must be worn for the allotted time, otherwise it's \$5. After wearing it, you can choose which peer will inherit it.
Walking Taco's	Open small Dorito bags and add different toppings inside the bag to make a portable taco.
Watermelon Seed Spitting	Good outdoor activity.
White Elephant Game	Have employees wrap up items that they no longer want (crummy gifts) and play the dice game. When someone gets doubles, they choose a wrapped item. When all items are gone, participants can take from one another when doubles occur. Open gifts and laugh.
Word Search	Give employees a word search with words about UW with their pledge cards. Limit the time to no more than 30 minutes. Prize.
Yodeling Contest	See which employee can yodel the best!