

THANK YOU

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to raise funds to better our community.

Your talent, generosity, and support will help ensure that our partners have the funds needed to make a measurable difference in people's lives.

We truly could not complete our work without you!



United Way
of Southwest Oklahoma

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We are here for you! Please let us know if we can be of any assistance!

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#LIVEUNITED

#UWSWOK

#GiveWhereYouLive



GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE

2023 CAMPAIGN GUIDE



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DATES TO REMEMBER

6th ANNUAL BLUE TIE GALA (*Official Campaign Kick Off*)

- SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 at Hilton Garden Inn

Dine United

- Thursdays during months of September and/or October local restaurants participating in % sales (*see flyer*)

Campaign Completion (*All Reports Turned into UWSWOK*)

- NOVEMBER 17, 2023

End of Campaign Celebration

- TBD

Keep up-to-date with upcoming events through our website or through our social media pages.



CAMPAIGN WRAP UP

When your organization completes their campaign:

IF YOUR COMPANY/ORGANIZATION USED PLEDGE FORMS PROVIDED BY UNITED WAY:

- Return the WHITE copy to the United Way in the campaign envelope.
- The YELLOW copy goes to the company's payroll department.
- The PINK copy is given to the donor.

IF YOUR COMPANY/ORGANIZATION USED COMPANY SPECIFIC OR ONLINE PLEDGE FORMS:

- Record the name and annual amount donated by each individual on a spreadsheet to submit to UWSWOK

PLEASE RETURN TO UNITED WAY:

- Campaign Report Envelope- Ensure the envelope is completed, including total # employed, # pledging, and \$ amounts.
 - Located on the top left of the envelope is a box where you can check if there are any designated pledges, if a donor qualifies to be a Leadership Donor, and if your employee group qualifies for an employee award.
 - Make sure that all fundraisers are listed on the envelope in the area entitled Special Events.
 - Please make sure that the person completing the envelope signs and seals it.
 - Please mark billing instructions on the front of the envelope.
- The WHITE copies of the pledge form (*if using UW pledge form*) or provide spreadsheet with name and annual amount donated by each individual (*if done online*)
- Cash and Checks (made out to United Way of Southwest Oklahoma)
- Employee Award Qualification Form- If your company qualifies for a Gold, Silver, or Bronze employee award (this can be calculated for company employees as a whole or by departments within a company). *See page 9 for guidelines*

WHY UNITED WAY?

Every United Way is different because every community we operate in has different needs. While we do raise funds to support our funded partners we are much more than just a fundraiser. United Way of Southwest Oklahoma (UWSWOK) links nonprofit organizations, businesses, community, social services, and the public together to work for the common good of Southwest Oklahoma.

Through our many partnerships (funded and community partners) and collaborative initiatives we are able to help our community create, promote, and execute tangible solutions that can solve the critical issues of Education, Income Stability, Health, and Basic Needs.

UWSWOK is dedicated to continue identifying ways in which our community can become a better place to live and work. In order to do that, we rely on the generosity of our community members.

WHO BENEFITS?

During the 2022-2023 year, we were able to raise \$1,149,356.36 to invest in local non-profit organizations who are dedicated day-in and out to meeting our area's most vital needs. Between their passion, and the donations we receive from community members and businesses, these programs were able to serve nearly 80,000 individuals in 2022. Without donations like yours, none of these services would have been possible.

While it is true that the focus of our annual fundraising campaign is to raise awareness and provide necessary resources, just like the rest of the world, we continue to adjust to new norms and challenges resulting from the global pandemic. Visit our website, www.uwswok.org or follow us on Facebook to learn more about each program funded by UWSWOK

Visit the *Success Stories* sections of our website for personalized stories.

ECC CAMPAIGN CHECKLIST

- ❑ Review your company's giving history to get a snapshot view of their past relationship with United Way.
- ❑ Encourage your CEO and/ or leadership to be involved:
 - Complete his/her pledge card.
 - Pledge a corporate gift on behalf of the organization.
 - Promote incentives including corporate match to all employees.
 - Send an email to all employees about the campaign.
 - Promote United Way during regularly scheduled staff meetings.
 - Participate in/or attend campaign meetings.
- ❑ Recruit a committee of co-workers to help you.
- ❑ Utilize the United Way staff.
- ❑ Set a challenging but realistic goal.
- ❑ Schedule specific start/end dates for your campaign to run and inform your co-workers of the deadline.
- ❑ Educate your co-workers:
 - Funded partners and United Way staff & board members are always available to speak.
 - See the sample rally and ECC speech outlines on page 4-5.
 - Send weekly emails that feature a United Way success story.
 - Contact United Way staff about scheduling a Funded Partner tour.
- ❑ Complete your campaign by collecting pledge cards and reporting your results to United Way staff.
- ❑ Thank your co-workers for their generosity! Send an email, hang up thank you posters, and plan a celebration for a job well done!

**BELIEVE
THERE IS A
SOLUTION TO
CHANGE LIVES**

2023-2023 FUNDED PARTNERS

**Armed Services YMCA Oklahoma
Boy Scouts of America, Last Frontier Council
CASA of Southwest Oklahoma
Catholic Charities**

**Center for Creative Living
Christian Family Counseling Center
Family Promise of Lawton
Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma**

**C. Carter Crane Shelter for the Homeless
Hearts that Care Volunteer Health Clinic
Lawton Food Bank
Lawton Family YMCA**

**Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma
Marie Detty Youth and Family Service Center
Oklahoma Parkinson's Alliance**

**Salvation Army Corps Community Center
Success By 6*
Teen Court
Variety Care Foundation**

**In-house Education Program of UWSWOK*

MIGHT Community Development and Resource Center
New Partner added in July 2023

WAYS TO DONATE

The ECC (or CEO) should be responsible for explaining their company's options for giving (online donations, cash, check, credit card, payroll deduction, etc.). This can be done at a rally, in campaign literature, or one on one. Be sure your employees know when the donation deadline is, and where to turn in their donations. You can even incentivize donations by awarding prizes to those that complete their forms by a certain date. If you have any questions about pledge cards or ways to donate, United Way staff can assist you!

CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS

Donors may give to United Way through any major credit or a debit card. Those using credit/debit cards to donate can do so by:

- ❑ Completing a United Way pledge card including the V code (last 3 digits) located on the back of the card and the billing address zip code.
- ❑ Calling the United Way office for the transaction to be completed by phone.
- ❑ Stop by the United Way office for the transaction to be completed in person.
- ❑ Donating online by visiting www.uwswok.org and click on the "Donate" button.

PERSONAL/BUSINESS CHECKS

ALL checks should be made out to UNITED WAY OF SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA. Checks made out to individual 501(c)(3) organizations CANNOT be processed through the United Way Campaign.

CASH

Cash is always accepted! If a donor wishes to give in cash please have them complete a pledge card which denotes their cash gift.

ROUND-UPS

Donors may give through <https://uwswok.harnessapp.com/wv2/donate?selected-method=roundup>

UWSWOK WEBSITE

Additional information about UWSWOK is available on our website. Visit our Campaign Center and explore all that it has to offer.

www.uwswok.org/campaign



UNITED WAY EXPRESS

Witness first-hand the impact that your campaign contributions. Our Funded Partners welcome the public to visit their agencies. Scheduling a United Way Express tour will let you and your coworkers see how your gift changes lives forever, and encourages everyone to do more.



To schedule a tour, please contact our Director of Community Engagement **Tanna Vu at 355-0218** or at tanna.vu@uwswok.org

Please note tours must be scheduled 2 weeks in advance.

SAMPLE RALLY SPEECH

1. Introduce yourself and thank everyone for attending.
2. Give a brief overview of your organization's United Way campaign. Include:
 - Your organization's campaign dates.
 - Your organization's fundraising goal.
 - United Way facts/statistics using the United Way materials provided.
3. Share your personal United Way story, either as a donor, volunteer, or as someone who benefitted from their services
4. Outline incentives offered to the employees who donate
 - EX: corporate match, corporate gift, prizes, luncheons, et al
5. Introduce the United Way speaker.
6. Be sure to say THANK YOU!

SAMPLE RALLY AGENDA

Use this agenda to help plan your campaign rally! Typically, each rally lasts about 15 to 30 minutes. Don't have that much time? Your United Way staff can work with you to help plan a rally that works for your organization.

- 3 min - Welcome & United Way Endorsement *CEO or ECC*
- 5 min – "Why United Way?" Presentation *UW Rep or ECC*
- 6 min United Way Partner Spotlight *UW Partner Rep*
- 3 min Wrap Up (& Incentive Reminders) *CEO or ECC*
- 3 min Collect Pledges *ECC*
(or remind them to pledge online)



LEADERSHIP GIVING

Encourage donors to become a Leadership Donor and maximize their impact. Membership begins with an annual gift of \$500 or more.

Leadership Giving Levels:

- **Tocqueville Society**- is reserved for our most generous and community-minded contributors. Tocqueville members represent those who are willing to truly invest in the welfare of our community with a contribution of \$10,000 or more annually to United Way. As a member, you will be included in the national Tocqueville Society Registry.
- **Diamond**- are those donors who make a contribution of \$5,000 to \$9,999 annually.
- **Emerald**- are those donors who make a contribution of \$2,500 to \$4,999 annually.
- **Ruby**- are those donors who make a contribution of \$1,500 to \$2,499 annually.
- **Platinum**- are those donors who make a contribution of \$1,000 to \$1,499 annually.
- **Gold**- are those donors who make a contribution of \$500 to \$999 annually.

All Leadership Donors highlighted on our website donor page



2023 CAMPAIGN FACT SHEET

CAMPAIGN CHAIR Melody Barber

- Locally funded health and human services agencies are pre-screened for need, integrity, and effectiveness of services by approximately 55 local volunteers, like you, who make up our Community Investment Committee.
- UWSWOK supports 20 programs through our 19 funded partners.
- UWSWOK funds programs responding to identified community health and human service needs, not capital improvements.
- The UWSWOK maintains an operating expense of 14% which is far below the Better Business Bureau recommended 35% for non-profit organizations.
- In 2022, 76,959 individuals in SW Oklahoma were served by our funded partners and collaborative initiatives.
- Local dollars mean local results, and we hope that you will consider contributing to this year's campaign. The needs are greater. The resources less available.
- For more statistics please see our website under campaign center.

**UNITED WE FIGHT.
UNITED WE WIN.**

LIVE UNITED

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL RALLY!

- Get them pumped by playing some music.
- Decorate the room in United Way colors (red, blue, and yellow)
- Serve food and/or snacks. Free food always gets people up and away from their desks.
- Pass out the United Way materials.
- Decorate with United Way posters and flyers (ask UWSWOK staff for these)
- Invite a speaker. Tell stories about being impacted by a United Way partner agency.
- Schedule for a United Way staff member or Funded Partner to speak at the Rally by contacting Tanna Vu (tanna.vu@uwswok.org)
- Offer fun door prizes to encourage attendance
- Create in-office campaign competitions
- Share all the incentives for participation!



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IDEAS TO GET PEOPLE

BREAKROOM RALLY

Have an employee rally that features a funded partner speaker, a United Way speaker, and the United Way campaign video. Encourage your fellow co-workers to attend and learn about United Way.

LUNCH

Who doesn't love a meal they didn't have to cook? Have a catered group luncheon where attendees pay to eat.

SNACK O'CLOCK

It's 2 o'clock and your afternoon munchies have kicked in. For \$2 employees can purchase trail mix, beef jerky, popcorn, or any of your favorite treats.

BOTTOMS UP

For \$1, employees can purchase a beverage of their choice!

CHILI COOK-OFF

A good, old-fashioned chili cook-off always brings in lots of attendance.

PHOTO BOOTH

Set up a photo booth with fun and interesting props and let the silly pictures begin!

TRICK OUT YOUR OFFICE SPACE

Encourage employees to decorate their office or their department with the United Way, **LIVE UNITED** theme. Winner gets a prize.

BINGO

Employees pay \$2 per Bingo Card and then play as their numbers are "called out" via email, with the game continuing until someone gets a BINGO!

JEANS DAY

Employees pay to wear jeans for one day or multiple days! (*stickers available*)

DINE UNITED

Contact the management to see if they will donate a % of sales on a specific date to UWSWOK.

BREAKFAST

Nothing brightens a workplace like donuts or breakfast burritos! For \$1 employees can purchase a breakfast treat and support UWSWOK.

INVOLVED IN CAMPAIGN

SCAVENGER HUNT

Create a fun scavenger hunt around the office using United Way "Give Where You Live" themes. Offer a prize to the winner!

UW NEW EMPLOYEE PACKETS

Give out the United Way New Employee to engage them in your organization's culture of giving. Contact judy.dial@uwswok.org for materials

VIP PARKING

Auction or raffle off a prime parking space for one lucky winner to keep for a set amount of time.

TRIVIA CONTEST

Send out a daily email with several trivia questions about United Way, and the first to respond correctly each day wins a prize! Or have a lunchtime trivia competition in the break room.

COIN CYLINDER

Contact United Way staff about setting up a fundraising cylinder at your business.

ART RAFFLE

Have a well-known artist as a friend/co-worker? Have them create a piece of art you can auction off or sell raffle tickets for.

PRANK WARS

Create a few harmless pranks (letter full of glitter, items taped to desk, etc.) that co-workers can pay to have played on one another.

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

Allow employees to create a masterpiece out of a carved pumpkin. Everyone votes by donating money (*each \$1 counts as 1 vote*) and the winner gets a prize!

COOK OFF

Have each employee make a signature dish that will beat everyone else's! Use \$1/1 vote to determine the winner!

WINDOW WASHING

Wash employee car windows as a way to say "Thank you" for donating to United Way!

PENNY WAR

Have departments compete by collecting change in jars!