

Home Cooked Meal Silent Auction

- Have folks from the office offer up home cooked meals and have co-workers do a silent auction for the meals. The meals can either be in the cookers home, drop-off or picked up. There are lots of ways to “cook this one up.”

Silent auction/ cake walk

- Bring in baked goods and have a silent auction during the day

Live cake auction

- Auction off baked goods in front of entire auction

Parking space

- Auction off parking spot in front of entire auction

Office yard sale

- Co-workers bring garage sale items and sit them around their desk (or in a designated area and co-workers buy them with all money going to sherry's run

Carwash

- After hours or during lunch have a car wash for \$5 or \$10 a car

Bake sale

- Bring breakfast and lunch items and sell them to employees

Sherry's Run t-shirt day

- Charge a \$1 or \$5 to wear a SR t-shirt

Vacation day

- Auction off a vacation day or silent auction

Extra hour lunch

- Silent auction an extra hour of lunch

Leave early

- Auction off the opportunity to leave early

Noon on Friday

- Auction off a the chance to leave at noon

Pink Ballerina Hippo Costume Fund-Raising Contest

- Pink Ballerina Hippo Costume Fund-Raising Contest - this is possibly the favorite of everyone in my workplace, simply because this is where each department competes and raise money to vote on whom they would choose wearing the Pink Ballerina Hippo Costume.

Hot Breakfast Sale

- Hot Breakfast Sale - The organizers bring in "raw materials" and then cook the orders in the break room or bring in cooked items and sell them. Example: croissant with egg and cheese for \$4.00 adding 2 strips of bacon for \$0.50 more. For \$4.50 "Hot Breakfast Sale", like pan cakes, waffles, sausages, breakfast burrito, etc.

Candy Gram Sale

- Candy Gram Sale - for \$4.00 a bag you get an assortment of candies and chocolate bars. They are placed in decorative plastic bags, the kind you see used for kids' birthday party tokens. To add fun, the bags are intended to be inscribed with either "Thank You" or "Have a Nice Day" to be delivered in person to the intended recipient by the fund-raising organizers. This is a great way to show your appreciation to a co-worker who had helped you in your previous projects, or if you are a manager or supervisor, to give to your staff for their hard work.

Bring Your "Inner" Child to Work

- Bring Your "Inner" Child to Work- to participate to bring a copy of their childhood photo. Then post these pictures on a bulletin board for everyone to see. The object of this fund-raising is to see how good anyone can guess or name who is on each photo. The names to be matched to the photos are compiled into a "guess" sheet with the corresponding letter label of their photos. The price for each "guess" sheet is \$2.00 each, \$5.00 for 3 "guess" sheets. The person who submitted a sheet with the most matches will win the game. There are prizes up for grabs for the top three winners.

Bingo

- Bingo - We organize bingo games once a week. For \$4.00 each person they can go for four rounds. The more rounds bought, the better the chances are for winning a prize

Raffle Drawings

- Raffle Drawings - organize a couple of big raffle drawings with different gadgets as prizes as well as an extra Paid Day Off or a Paid Dinner for 2 at a nice restaurant. Each token can be purchased for \$1.00 each with \$10.00 minimum purchase.

Movie and Popcorn

- Movie and Popcorn - On Fridays during the campaign weeks when it is "normally" slow, sell a movie pass for \$4.00 each which includes a movie to be viewed in our conference room that has the big projector or plasma TV and a bag of popcorn. Showing starts late in the afternoon towards closing time so as not to disrupt work.

Book Sale

- Book Sale -sell old or slightly used books donated by employees and sell them for \$1.00 to \$5.00 each depending on the title and condition of books.

Bake Sale

- Bake Sale - on the mornings that you do not sell hot breakfast we sell bake goods like muffins and breads we purchased from Costco. We sell them for a \$1.00 each.

Hot Dog, Hot Chili Beans, and Hot Nachos Sale

- Hot Dog, Hot Chili Beans, and Hot Nachos Sale - sell these during lunch time for \$3.50 for plain hotdog on a bun, and for an extra \$1.00 one can get either a serving of hot chili beans or nachos with cheese.

Executive Auction

- Get your executive staff to donate one hour to your campaign.
- Auction off each executive to the highest bidding employee with proceeds to benefit Sherry's Run
- The executive then must take over the employee's job for the appointed hour.

Lunch Box Auction

- Employees supply lunches to be auctioned.
- Encourage CEO and management participation.
- Display lunches.
- Give prizes for the most creative, nutritional, elegant, and humorous lunch.
- Tie in a speaker from a United Way-funded agency that operates a food pantry

CEO Lunch

- Have your CEO and other management serve and bus tables at a luncheon. Sell tickets!

Casual Days

- Sell casual day badges allowing employees to dress casually on certain days.
- Employees purchase badges for \$5 each.
- Designate certain casual days as "crazy days" and encourage your employees to show their wild side, i.e., Stupid Hat Day, Outrageous Socks Day, Sports Team Day, or Dress Up Day.

Baby/Pet Picture Match Game

- Invite employees to try their luck matching baby and/or pet pictures of management.
- Award the entry with the most right answers a paid holiday off or some other fun incentive.
- Charge employees \$5 per ballot.

CEO Car Wash

- Employees donate \$5 to have their car washed at high noon by their "boss." Charge extra for Polaroid photos.

Balloon-o-gram

- Sell balloons to employees to give to their co workers.
- Employees can purchase the balloon, include a brief note, and have it sent to their colleague.
- Employees get affirmation and your office gets decorated with colorful United Way balloons.

Raffles

- Vacation days, gift certificates, parking spaces, clothing/mugs with your company logo, etc. The sky is the limit!

Beach Blanket Bingo

- Decorate a conference room with beach items: beach balls, blow up rafts, fake palm trees, etc.
- Establish a dress code, no office attire allowed.
- Serve hot dogs, fruit, sandwiches and drinks.
- Award best outfit, play bingo!

Company Comedy

- Have employees bring in their favorite jokes.
- Combine all the jokes into one volume.
- Sell the books at a comedy-themed lunch hour.

Eat This!

- Purchase whipped pies and balloons at your local store.
- Fill balloons with water.
- For a fee, employees throw pies and balloons at upper management.
- Arrange function to be held during peak business hours.

Funniest Home Videos

- Encourage employees to bring in their funniest videos, or to create new ones.
- Allot a time for showing videos.
- Establish a small entry fee.
- Funniest video wins grand prize of a donated DVD player.

Holiday Fun

- For holiday falling closest to your campaign, employees decorate their offices.
- Best decorated office wins prize.
- Winner is announced at a holiday lunch.

Lights, Camera, Action!

- Employees dress up as their favorite movie character or TV show personality.
- Best dressed wins and winner's favorite rerun or movie is shown during kickoff lunch.

Office Olympics

- Teams must be made throughout the office.
- Determine sign up fees.
- Teams will participate in events such as making paper airplanes to see whose flies the longest distance; dress for success relay; shooting crumpled paper into wastebaskets, department darts etc.
- Encourage departments to enroll staff.
- Hold finals in the main lobby for all to see.
- Awards/prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Roast

- Roast a long time staff member over a catered lunch.
- It's an honor for the "roastee" and a hoot for those in attendance!
- Charge \$10.00 for a roasted turkey plate.

Shhh! Silent Auction

- Have staff bid silently on items such as extra vacation days, longer lunch hours; VIP parking spots, dinner passes, casual days, etc.
- Money raised goes to campaign.

Sports Shorts

- Organize a softball, basketball, touch football, or bowling tournament.
- Staff socialize outside of work, creating stronger bonds!
- Assign teams to pay to play!

Interoffice volleyball game

- Form teams (\$1, \$5 or \$10 entry fee per person) and once the teams are formed...have a best 2 out of 3 volleyball tournament at Don Fox. Champion team wins a half day off.

Survivor

- Create tribes to compete against one another, each containing one member from upper management.
- Hold physical and mental challenges each day where tribes compete for prizes such as an extra 30 minutes on lunch, tickets to shows, etc.
- Challenges can include office mini-putt game, puzzles, quizzes, and scavenger hunts.
- The grand prize goal is a day of paid vacation.

Tailgate Party

- Have a Monday night tailgate during football season.
- Each employee pays \$10.00 to attend.
- When work lets out, gather everyone together and serve hot dogs, wings, chips and beverages.
- Rent a big screen TV, watch the game as a team while enjoying great food.

Walk A Mile in My Shoes

- Ask staff to come to work in their craziest pair of shoes prepared to have a wild and crazy lunch.
- Serve items such as FOOT-long subs, CORN chips, SHOESTRING french fries.
- Play Blue Suede Shoes, Kicking You Out, Footloose, and Boots Were Made for Walking.

"Who Knows the Nose" Contest

- Have employees take pictures of their noses.
- Hang the pictures on a wall.
- For a small fee (\$1.00) employees can guess the nose "owners."
- Employee guessing the most correct noses in the shortest amount of time is the winner.
- Winner takes half the pot.

Pizza party

- Hold a pizza party or ice cream social.

Live and/or silent auctions

- Auction employee donated items or services. Live and/or silent auctions are a popular way to create energy around the campaign and generate campaign donations.

karaoke contests

- Sponsor karaoke contests or talent shows.

Balloon Pop

- Balloon Pop - Balloon Prize. Employees donate prizes for this event. The

prizes are listed on notes and put in the balloons before they are filled with helium. Employees pay \$1.00 to pop a balloon, in which they discover their prize.

Picture Match

- Picture Match is a great favorite - Invite employees to try their luck matching baby, high school or pet pictures to management and/or staff. Charge \$2.00 per ballot and offer a prize or fun incentive for the most correct answers.

Book, Video, CD, and Tape Sale

- Book, Video, CD, and Tape Sale - Have employees donate used books, videos, CD's, tapes for an employee sale.

Comedy Hour

- Comedy Hour - Get a local comedian to amuse employees during lunch. Get the comedian to donate time and the employees to buy tickets to attend Comedy Hour.

Cook Off

- Cook Off – Employees pay for a bowl of chili and sample varieties prepared by fellow employees.

Bake Sale

- Bake Sale - Employees prepare baked goods and sell them during the lunch hour. Don't forget to invite the other agencies close to you.

Employee Garage Sale

- Employee Garage Sale - All proceeds added to your campaign total.

Build a Sundae

- Build a Sundae: Sell ice cream at lunch and charge extra for toppings.

Treasure Hunt

- Treasure Hunt - Sell daily clues to a mystery location where a treasure is hidden. The first employee to guess the location wins the treasure. Try adding fun facts about the Sherry's Run with each clue.

Potluck

- Potluck - Have staff bring special dishes and issue tickets per serving. Each ticket may be \$1.00 or \$.50.

Art Show

- Art Show - Have local artists bring in paintings to show. Charge admission and have an auction at the end with the proceeds going to the SHERRY'S RUN.

Office Olympics

- Go for the Gold Office Olympics – Have doughnut eating contests, office chair races, paper-wad basket shooting, paper clip pyramid building, typing contests, and relays are fun events. Award teams with medals as a thank you.

Kick up your Heels

- Kick up your Heels for SHERRY'S RUN – A western theme gives people a chance to have fun

and offers many exciting special event possibilities (chili cook-offs, jalapeno pepper eating contests, best dressed cowgirls/cowboys).

On the Beach

- On the Beach -Invite employees to wear beach clothing to work: shorts, Hawaiian shirts, sandals, etc. To participate, employees will need to return their contribution forms Host a luncheon with picnic food you would eat at the beach.

Car push

- Car push: Have an employee with an old compact car (Volkswagens Beetles work great), drive it up to a starting point in a parking lot or high school track, if you can arrange it, and put it in neutral. Divide the employees in to four or five person teams and charge and entry fee to each team to see who can push the car from point to point the fastest. Keep someone in the car to steer as its being pushed.

Costume Contest:

- Costume Contest: Have employees and their families participate in a costume contest. Couple this with a dance or festival. Give a prize for the best costume.

Dances

- Dances: Throw a department dance or a dance-a-thon. Charge an entry fee and/or have participants get pledges for the time that they dance or for total number of dances.

Karaoke Night

- Karaoke Night: This can be coupled with a potluck or benefit dinner. Rent karaoke equipment and charge an entry fee to have employees sing their favorite songs. Award prizes for the best singer, best screeching, etc.

Lip Sync Contest:

- Lip Sync Contest: This can be coupled with a potluck or benefit dinner. Charge an entry fee to have different acts "sing" along to their favorite musical numbers. Award prizes for the best performance, best costumes, etc.

Look Alike:

- Look Alike: Have employees dress up as each other or as the celebrity of their choice. Charge a fee for a ballot to vote for the best look alike. The person with the most votes gets a prize.

Office Obstacle

- Office Obstacle course: Set up some sort of obstacle course in your building and charge an entry fee to see who can complete it the fastest. Give awards to various winners, such as fastest department, or fastest person.

Outrageous Hat or Tie Day

- Outrageous Hat or Tie Day: Have employees wear the most outrageous hat or tie that they have. Charge a fee for a ballot to vote for the most outrageous hat or tie. The person with the most votes gets a prize

Penny Jar Competition

- Penny Jar Competition: Different sections of the work place will have a large jar for change. For every penny that is in the jar, the team gets a point. For every coins that is

not a penny, that jar loses the corresponding amount of points. For example, if another team puts a quarter in a jar, that jar loses twenty-five points. The section with the most points after a week gets a prize.

Pumpkin Carving Contest:

- Pumpkin Carving Contest: As the SHERRY'S RUN is so close to Halloween, a pumpkin-carving contest might be appropriate. Charge an entry/materials fee and have employees carve pumpkins. Have employees buy ballots and cast their votes for the best pumpkin. Give a prize to the winner.

" Sumo" Wrestling

- " Sumo" Wrestling: Set up a twelve foot circle and have two stacks of 13 large inner tubes that are linked together. Charge an entry fee and have each contestant put on a stack of inner tubes and then he or she both try to knock each other over. Give the winner of the tournament a prize.

Talent Show:

- Talent Show: This can be coupled with a potluck or benefit dinner. Charge an entry fee and have employees show off their various talents, being anything from musical acts, juggling, theatrical short performances, to comedy. Charge the audience a dollar a ballot to vote for winners in various categories.

Themed potluck:

- Themed potluck: Have employees bring food of a certain theme. Ex. Ethnic food, Chili cook-off, seafood potluck, etc. Charge admission and award ribbons in different categories. Ex. Best dessert, best vegetarian dish, best salad, etc.

Tricycle races

- Tricycle races: Have a racecourse set up, and a tricycle for every department. Before the race, offer the option of having employees buy " cheats" , such as sandbags or cinderblocks to be tied to opponents' tri-cycles. After all " cheats" are purchased, have a department representative race. After the race, award humorous prizes, such as most devious department.

Aerobic-a-thon

- Aerobic-a-thon: Have employees compete to see who can do aerobics the longest. Either charge an entry fee or have employees get pledges for the time that they are doing aerobics. Award a prize to the winner.

Basketball Free-throw Contest

- Basketball Free-throw Contest: Set up a Nerf basketball hoop on the office and have employees pay an entry fee to see who can sink the most free-throws from the free-throw line. Award a prize to the winner.

Bowling Tournament

- Bowling Tournament: Have the employees divide into teams and charge an entry fee for a bowling tournament. Negotiate with a local bowling alley for reduced rates.

Field day:

- Field day: Set up various events between departments, such as tug o' war, egg toss, three legged race, fifty yard dash, capture the flag, etc. Charge an entry fee and award prizes to the winning department

Golf Tournament:

- Golf Tournament: Negotiate with a local golf course for reduced rates and then set up a golf tournament, charging full rates for and an entry fee. Award prizes in humorous categories such as the 14 most cursing, highest score, most creative swing, or most outrageous golfer outfit.

Mini-golf course

- Mini-golf course (inside or outside): Negotiate with a local golf shop or mini-golf course for rental of putters and golf balls and set up a mini-golf course either inside or outside the building. Charge an entry fee and award humorous prizes, such as the highest score or the most creative putting.

Softball

- Softball: Set up a softball game. Charge an entry fee and admission fee. Sell concessions at the game.

Tennis or Racquetball Tournament

- Tennis or Racquetball Tournament: Set up a tournament for racquetball or tennis. Charge an entry fee and admission.

Art Show:

- Art Show: Have local artists donate works of their art to you and present them in a gallery type setting. At the end of a week of showing this work, auction it off, with all of the proceeds going to the Sherry's Run

Auction

- Auction: This can be coupled with a dinner, pot-luck, or some other event. Have employees donate items or services (carwashes, lawn mowing, cooking, bringing coffee, etc.). Have employees bid on these items, the highest bidder being the winner.

Auction the Boss

- Auction the Boss: Get at least one of the "bosses" to be auctioned off. The winner gets to have the "boss" do their job for one day.

Bake Sale

- Bake Sale: Have employees bake various deserts and sell them during lunch hour, especially in highly trafficked areas.

Balloon Pop:

- Balloon Pop: Have employees donate prizes for the event. The prizes are listed on notes and put in balloons before they are filled with helium. Employees pay one dollar to pop a balloon, and they might discover that the balloon has a prize in it.

Benefit Concert

- Benefit Concert: Have an employee that is a member of a band, or who even knows a band, ask the band to play at a concert. Charge admission for the concert, or use them as a draw for another event such as a dance or auction.

Car Wash

- Car Wash: Set up a place in the parking lot of your building to have the employees get their cars washed after work or during lunch. Try to get kids involved, they love the car wash idea.

Car Bash:

- Car Bash: Get an old car with no glass and no engine in it from a junk-yard. Set it up in a designated area and allow people to swing at it with a sledgehammer for a dollar a swing. Don't forget safety glasses.

Comedy Night

- Comedy Night: Have a local comedian do a show and sell tickets for it, with all the proceeds going to the SHERRY'S RUN.

Cookbook

- Cookbook: Have employees bring their best recipes and then compile the recipes into a cookbook. Sell those cookbooks and have all the proceeds go to the SHERRY'S RUN. Try to have lots of different types of recipes in the book, or come out with different cookbooks, for example a vegetarian, vegan, or ethnic cookbooks are all great ideas.

Cinema Night

- Cinema Night: Set aside a night and run a themed movie marathon. Charge admission and sell concessions such as popcorn and soda

Dunk Tank

- Dunk Tank: Have well known members of the staff, such as the executive staff, sit in a dunk tank. Charge employees an entry fee to throw balls at them in an attempt to dunk them.

Ice Cream Sundae

- Ice Cream Sundae: Have employees pay an admission fee to do an ice cream sundae buffet. Have a prize for the tallest sundae, most artistic Sunday, etc.

Milk and Cookies

- Milk and Cookies: Charge an admission fee for employees to come to a milk and cookies buffet. Bring plain sugar cookies and a number of items to decorate them. Give prizes for the best-decorated cookie, the ugliest cookie, etc. Also have an Oreo stacking contest, and award a prize for the tallest Oreo tower.

Picture Match

- Picture Match: Have employees bring in pictures of themselves as babies and post them up on a wall. Charge a fee for a ballot to guess which employee was which baby. The person with the most correct answers should win a prize.

Pop Can Drive

- Pop Can Drive: See what department can raise the most money by collecting empty pop cans and recycling them at the local recycling center. The department that raises the most money should get a prize.

Rubber Chicken

- Rubber Chicken: Purchase a large rubber chicken or a similarly tacky item, and every morning have it randomly appear in or “infest” someone’s office or cubicle. The employee with the chicken infestation with either have to make a donation or Signup to run/walk before the “animal control officers” remove the pest. This should provide a daily interest, as employees will wonder where the chicken will appear next.

Soak the Boss

- Soak the Boss: Employees pay a fee to throw a wet sponge at an executive staff member.

Theatrical Play

- Theatrical Play: Negotiate with a local theater to buy out all of the tickets to one night of one of their shows. Sell the tickets at a higher rate and try to couple the night with a dinner or silent auction. Try to make it at an up-beat show, as people are more likely to come to a lively show as opposed to a more dark, introspective one.

Treasure Hunt

- Treasure Hunt: Sell daily clues to a mystery location where a treasure is hidden. The first employee to guess the location wins the treasure.