

# EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN CORDINATOR HANDBOOK

**GREAT THINGS HAPPEN WHEN WE CHOOSE TO LIVE UNITED** 





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## WHAT IS AN EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR

Employee Campaign Coordinators (ECC) are key to the success of every workplace fundraising campaign. As the ECC, you serve as the connector between Head of the Lakes United Way (HLUW) and the employees of your organization. With the materials and support we provide, you will educate your colleagues about HLUW's vital role in the community and provide them with an opportunity to give, advocate, and volunteer with us. Whether you volunteered or were asked to take on this role, we appreciate you, and we are here to help!

#### WHAT IS A WORKPLACE CAMPAIGN?

During your organization's workplace campaign, employees make their annual pledge and participate in events to raise funds that support HLUW's work in the community. Lasting from a week to a month, workplace campaigns should be:

#### FUN

We encourage you to set up events to promote the campaign and bring employees together.

#### **EDUCATIONAL**

The most important reason to have a campaign is to raise awareness about HLUW's local impact. Inform colleagues about our work through videos, posters, and speaking events. These items can be located online at <u>hlunitedway.org/campaignmaterials</u> or you can connect with your HLUW contact for assistance.

#### ENGAGING

Running a workplace campaign not only benefits the community, but it can also improve workplace morale and employee engagement. Providing employees the opportunity to give back at work is becoming increasingly important for employees and job seekers.

#### THANK YOU!

Your effort and dedication to our work is appreciated more than you know. Remember that HLUW staff are available to help every step of the way. Please don't hesitate to ask!

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## WE'RE STRIVING TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND FINANCIAL STABILITY OF EVERY PERSON IN EVERY COMMUNITY WE SERVE.

#### **OUR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**



United Way 2-1-1 is a FREE service offered 24/7 to anyone seeking information and referrals regarding local resources.

Community Services is a partnership between HLUW and organized labor that supports working families and strengthens our communities.

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Our Community Investment Process provides funding for nearly 70 community programs within the focus areas of health, education and financial stability. The HLUW Volunteer Center serves as a "one stop shop" for individuals and groups looking for a volunteer opportunity in our local communities.



## WHEN YOU GIVE LOCAL, IT STAYS LOCAL









Ashland and Bayfield Counties

Greater Duluth Area

Lake and Cook Counties

Superior-Douglas County

Head of the Lakes United Way's service area encompasses the geographical boundaries of Greater Duluth (Duluth, Hermantown, Proctor, Rice Lake, and the townships of Duluth, Solway, Grand Lake, Fredenberg, Gnesen, Normanna, Canosia, Lakewood, and Midway) as well as the North Shore of Minnesota (Lake and Cook Counties).

In 2015, as the result of a merger between the United Ways of Superior-Douglas County and Greater Duluth, the area expanded to include Superior-Douglas County as well as Ashland and Bayfield Counties.

## **FOCUS AREAS**

#### **ACCESS TO HEALTH**

We make it easier for individuals to access substance abuse programs, receive quality health care, and access nutritious foods, we're striving to help everyone get—and stay—healthy.

#### **EDUCATION**

We're seeking to shift the odds so tomorrow's leaders can build a better foundation today. With an approach to education that spans from cradle to career, we're ensuring that: every child gets a strong start in life, teenagers have the tools to learn and grow, and young adults thrive in the job market.

#### **FINANCIAL STABILITY**

We're striving to put every person, in every community, on a path toward financial empowerment. That starts with access to housing, job training, credit counseling, and money management programs.



## **EASY STEPS FOR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN SUCCESS**



## DEFINE INTERNAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Recruit a team to help you run your workplace campaign
- Diversity is important include people from various departments and backgrounds

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### NAIL DOWN LOGISTICS

• Determine your timeline (1-2 weeks works well for most workplace campaigns)

When will you start your campaign? \_\_\_\_\_

When will you end your campaign?

## SET A CHALLENGING AND ATTAINABLE GOAL

- Review past campaign giving history. What areas of giving can be extended or increased? Are there ways to become more engaged?
- Identify growth potential in all types of giving •

- employee
   corporate
   special events
   leadership
   sponsorships
   and volunteer involvement

What is your campaign goal?

## PLAN YOUR EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

- Hold special events
- Incorporate into training/meetings (safety meetings, staff meetings, etc.)
- Participate in volunteer projects
- Consider holding competitions between departments or locations
- Offer incentives and/or prizes

#### When will these activities take place? \_



## **ORGANIZE TARGETED GROUP ACTIVITIES**

- Invite upper management and organization leaders
- Inform attendees about the Lake Superior Leadership Society
- Include a retiree campaign

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## **COMMUNICATE AND PUBLICIZE THE CAMPAIGN**

- · Email and personalized letters
- Posters in common areas
- Incentives and prizes
- Presentations: HLUW campaign staff are available to present
- Share HLUW materials (infographic, posters, campaign video, pledge forms, and more!)

What will you use during your campaign?

### THANK YOUR DONORS AND EMPLOYEES

• To ensure employees have a positive experience and continue to donate, thank them throughout the entire campaign - beginning, middle, and end.

How will you thank your donors and employees?

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## **EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN WRAP-UP**

To report campaign results:

- 1. Complete the front of the envelope
  - a. Record the total number of employees and donors.
  - b. Be sure to calculate the total for all employee and corporate gifts and special events.
- 2. Seal the envelope with pledge forms and payments inside.
  - a. Make sure each donor signed their pledge form.
  - b. Ensure designation and credit card forms are attached to pledge forms, as indicated by the donor.

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- 3. Give pledge forms to your payroll department.
- 4. Deliver to HLUW or call for pick-up.

#### When will you turn your results in to HLUW?

## **INSPIRE. ASK. THANK.**

#### **INSPIRE.**

Prior to your organization's campaign kickoff, send emails to employees to educate and motivate them to give. Include a message from your President or CEO, or consider hosting a company-wide event with presentations and CEO appearances.

As the Employee Campaign Coordinator (ECC), you can help your colleagues understand the importance of their gifts. Visit <u>hlunitedway.org/campaignmaterials</u> to find items to help inspire your team, including:

- Videos
- Posters
- Campaign Infographic
- Sample letters and emails

You can share this information during presentations and via your employee communications such as email, announcements, bulletin boards, management endorsement letters, newsletters, and social media.

Be sure to encourage colleagues to follow HLUW on Facebook and LinkedIn to stay updated throughout the rest of the year!

#### ASK.

The #1 reason people do not give is they are not asked. So please ask everyone. We believe that giving is a personal decision. Make sure that everyone has the opportunity to learn about how HLUW changes lives and how each contribution drives our mission forward. Remember to include off-site employees and highlight corporate matched donations when available

### THANK.

Thank all those who participate at every step along the way.

Thank employees individually for their participation, time, and support.

- Recognize your team and others who volunteered their time.
- Publicize your results via email, newsletters, social media, etc.
- Celebrate your success!

Recognition opportunities through HLUW:

• Big check presentations and other social media recognition through HLUW

Invite employee donors to attend our celebration in January

## WRAPPING UP THE CAMPAIGN

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### **HLUW CAMPAIGN REPORT ENVELOPE**

Once you have all pledge forms verified with appropriate forms attached, put everything into the Campaign Report Envelope and follow the instructions. This information is used by our finance department to ensure all donations are recorded correctly. If you have any questions, please contact your HLUW Community Campaign Coordinator.



### **HLUW PLEDGE FORMS**

When wrapping up your campaign, please ensure a pledge form is completed for each donor, including their contact information, donation information, and signature/date. Attach cash, checks, credit card, or designation forms as needed.

Additional forms can be downloaded at <u>hlunitedway.org/campaignmaterials</u>

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