

# CAMPAIGN FUNDAMENTALS

The 2024 Employee Campaign Manager's Guide to Running a Successful Giving Campaign



## **Welcome to your United Way of North Central New Mexico Campaign!**

United Way of North Central New Mexico (UWNCNM) appreciates your time, creativity, and commitment to make the annual giving campaign at your workplace a success. We want to do everything possible to help you reach your campaign goals. This packet contains a multitude of suggestions, strategies, and tips to help you plan and promote your campaign.

You can download this guide here: **uwncnm.org/workplace-toolkit** and find additional Employee Campaign Manager (ECM) resources including sample emails, logos, and much more! It's the easiest and quickest way to access tools to help you succeed—just click and go! Please be sure to share our website with your co-workers; it's a great way for them to learn more about UWNCNM and our work.

Thank you for helping our community by bringing talent, passion, and leadership to your United Way campaign.

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## **About UWNCNM**

United Way brings the power of donors, volunteers, and community service agencies together to create systemic change. UWNCNM has served north central New Mexico since 1934. We are able to achieve our mission with the support of:

- Over 11,300 donors
- Over 80 Cornerstone Partners
- over 200 workplace campaigns
- over \$13.46 million raised

Our goal for the 2024 Campaign is to increase funding for the mission of United Way of North Central New Mexico. Gifts to our work are integral to this.



**Companies** 

Through the caring and hard work of Employee Campaign Managers, companies promote giving and volunteer engagement to their employees.

### **Donor Groups**

Members of Guys Give, Hispano Philanthropic Society, Young Leaders Society, Women United, and Retire United learn more about the needs of our community and volunteer opportunities

#### **Volunteers**

Leanne, and volunteers like her, find it rewarding to provide help in their community. Contact Victoria Esquibel, our Corporate Engagement Manager, for information and volunteer connections. Our mission is to bring people and resources together to measurably improve lives and strengthen our communities.

## WHAT WE DO: COMMUNITY IMPACT



### RISING TOGETHER

In addition to direct services, the Impact team also works on projects that deliver Collective Impact to the communities of north central New Mexico. We call this body of work **Rising Together**.

#### **Education**

#### Goal:

Students graduate actively engaged in a post-high school plan that leads to a career pathway in which they thrive

#### **Strategies:**

- Improve pre-K through 12th grade school attendance through advocacy, targeted professional development and technical support for educators
- Promote post-secondary readiness through community-driven work-based learning opportunities
- Develop partnerships which nurture quality, quantity and access to career pathways
- Enhance the development of durable skills and degree/certificate attainment for all youth in north central New Mexico

## Housing Stability

#### Goal:

Increase access to affordable housing, including supportive/transitional housing

#### Strategies:

- Grow capacity for local nonprofits providing two generation wraparound support
- Support families in accessing basic needs

### Safety and Well Being/ Health

#### Goal:

Improve community safety measures and increase equitable access to health services

#### Strategies:

- Align UNWNCNM direct service and community investment programs to support this goal
- Engage with community partners working in these areas to support related work

## **Glossary of Terms and Acronyms**

**Agency** A nonprofit organization that is focused on community service work

CC / Campaign Coordinator / CampCo Temporary United Way campaign support staff

Cornerstone Companies Companies that make a corporate donation to support the work of the United Way of North Central New Mexico

CRO / Corporate Relations Officer The United Way employee who works with you and your organization to conduct a workplace campaign

ECM / Employee Campaign Manager You! The employee at an organization who has been chosen to run their workplace giving campaign

**Leadership Donors** Those who donate at least \$1,000 to United Way each year.

Loyal Donors Those who have donated to United Way for 10 or more years, any amount

Campaign Season August through December each year

**Donor Group Members** Those who have actively joined a UWNCNM leadership giving group. These include:





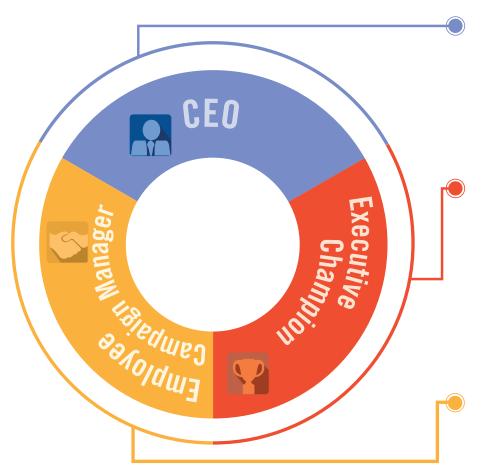






## **Workplace Campaign Support**

There are three key people that make a workplace campaign successful and engaging:



- Identify strong employees to service as Employee Campaign Manager and Executive Champion
- Work with Employee Campaign Manager and Executive Champion to set campaign objectives and goals for participation and Community Investment Fund support
- Allow time for training, group meetings, and agency tours
- Approve incentives as appropriate
- Sign endorsement letter to staff for the campaign
- Attend events / meetings as needed by the Employee Campaign Manager
- Provide leadership and creative energy for the employee campaign within an organization
- Motivate others to get involved
- Work with Employee Campaign Manager and CEO to set campaign objectives and goals for participation and Community Investment Fund support
- Sign endorsement letter to staff for the campaign
- Coordinate meetings or events specifically for leadership donors and prospects to thank them and encourage their leadership donations
- Attend events or meetings scheduled by the Employee Campaign Manager
- Provide leadership and creative energy for the employee campaign within an organization
- Motivate others to get involved
- Work with CEO and Executive Champion to set campaign objectives and goals for participation and Community Investment Fund support
- Develop a strong Campaign Team
- Ensure that all employees are provided with informational materials and are given the opportunity to contribute and ask questions
- Help employees understand how their contribution affects their family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and other people in their community
- Keep employees aware of year-round initiatives of UWNCNM

## **Before Your Campaign**

## **BEFORE**

**GETTING** 



#### Meet and Engage with your CEO

- Send out a personal letter of endorsement from your president or CEO
- Have your CEO participate in your kick-off and the overall campaign
- Discuss a corporate gift, as appropriate
- Discuss and/or develop your campaign budget



#### **Recruit a Committee and Plan your Campaign**

- Set your campaign timeline
- Discuss and/or develop your campaign budget (free incentives do exist)
- Ask for help, keep in mind that people who volunteer will lend energy to your campaign
- Decide what your campaign activities will be (presentations, activities, food and prizes) and ask your UWNCNM staff member to coordinate presentation speakers
- Assign committee tasks and establish target dates for completion
- Find ways to personalize the campaign



#### **Review and Evaluate Past Performance and Calculate Goals**

- Work with a UWNCNM staff person and find out about your company's giving history (5 year history and other reports are available for your organization)
- Review last year's campaign and any feedback you received regarding what did and didn't work
- Incorporate new ideas for this year's campaign (see our Campaign Toolkit <u>uwncnm.org/workplace-toolkit</u>)



#### **Set Employee Goals**

- Create a Community Investment Fund dollar goal
- Create a percent participation goal
- Consider a volunteer project for employees.



## **Goal Options**

### Some Ideas to Consider When Setting Up Your Campaign

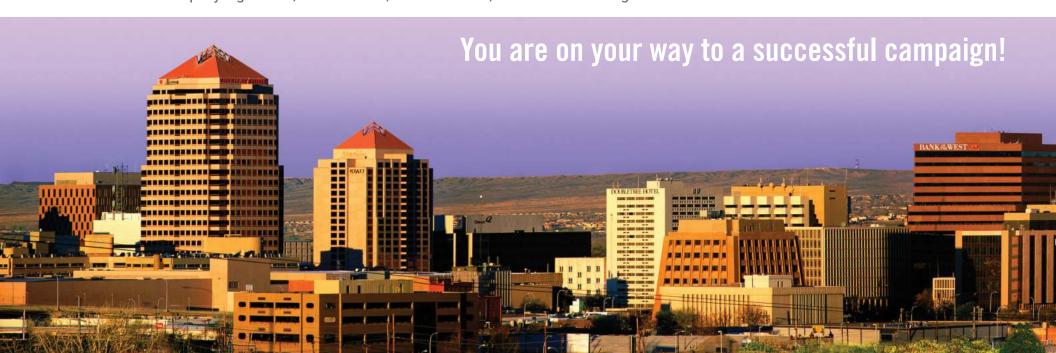
Take your campaign to new levels with these strategies:

#### Increase Participation & Average Gift:

- "Take A Step" strategy ask employees to increase their gift by a small amount from \$5 to \$6 or \$20 to \$22 per pay period or 10% give examples: \$5.00 to \$5.50 a pay period
- · Incentives and drawings for first-time donors and employees increasing their gifts
- "One Hour of Pay" per month or pay period or "suggested gift" based on salary levels
- · Early bird pledges
- · Pledging online or turning in pledge form by a certain date
- Competition between departments for 100% or largest percentage increase in participation
- "Peer-to-Peer" asks by ambassadors, loyal contributors, donor group members
- Solicit retirees during campaign and new hires throughout the year

#### Incentives (time off is the most popular)

- Angel Day day off for one hour of pay a month
- Week of ½ hour "leave early," "sleep in," or "longer lunch" passes
- · Casual Day stickers
- · Company logo items, movie tickets, concert tickets, restaurant or other gift certificates



## **During Your Campaign**

### **COMMUNICATION & CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES**



#### **Publicize your Campaign**

- Share how to pledge, when to pledge, and what your pledges support
- Use provided UWNCNM materials (i.e. posters, videos, brochures, pledge forms)
- E-mail communications to raise awareness about campaign activities and events
- Create a section on your company's intranet to share information about UWNCNM and your company's campaign, linking it to UWNCNM's website (www.uwncnm.org)
- Use incentives to encourage giving
- Let your clients and vendors know you run a campaign on social media



#### **Conduct an Educational Campaign**

- Invite UWNCNM staff to present at a large group meeting in person or virtually
- Use a community impact speaker (UWNCNM can arrange this)
- Conduct group presentations for all departments if large meetings are not an option (Remember UWNCNM staff are excited and available to attend all your presentations in person or virtually)
- Ensure every employee receives UWNCNM materials
- Follow up with employees to ensure every employee has been given the opportunity to contribute
- Ask co-workers if they have personal experiences with UWNCNM Community Investment Fund programs and ask them to share their stories—they can inspire others with their stories



#### **Promote Leadership Giving**

- · Discuss with your CEO Leadership Giving matching opportunities
- Plan with your CEO the opportunity for him/her to recognize leadership donors within the company (i.e. lunch with the CEO)



#### **Ask Everyone to Donate**

- Ensure you invite every person to donate by asking your committee and any other advocates to reach out to their co-workers (people say the number one reason they didn't donate is because "they weren't asked")
- Include everyone, both active employees and retirees
- · Ask your new hires as part of the HR package
- Inform employees about the ways they can continue to Give, Advocate, and Volunteer
- Ask your co-workers if they have any experience with United Way that they are willing to share
- Consider a group activity or volunteer project



#### **Stay Connected**

Check our social media for ideas and updates so you can help employees and inspire community interaction



@UWNCNM



@unitedwayofncnm



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@UnitedWayOfNorthCentralNM

## **Communicate**

## **Group Meeting in Person or Virtually**

Group gatherings are the best way to increase understanding of how UWNCNM improves more lives in our community. They offer the following benefits:

- · Fewer one-on-one presentations and follow-ups are needed
- Allows the campaign team to make a compelling case for support through UWNCNM
- Employees receive inspiring and motivating information

The meeting sample agenda below can be adapted to your company and time line.

## Sample Group Meeting Agenda

ITEM	PRESENTER	TIME
<ul><li>Welcome</li><li>● Distribute Campaign Materials (brochures, pledge forms, etc.)</li></ul>	Employee Campaign Manager	5 minutes
<ul> <li>Endorsements</li> <li>CEO Endorsement</li> <li>Union Leader Endorsement</li> </ul>	CEO/Management	3 minutes
<ul><li>UWNCNM Overview</li><li>■ UWNCNM and the Community Investment Fund</li></ul>	UWNCNM Staff Member	7 minutes
UWNCNM Community Impact Speaker	Guest Speaker	7 minutes
Ask for a Donation	ECM or UWNCNM Staff	2 minutes
Closing Remarks  Q&A  Thanks  Collect Pledge Forms	ECM or UWNCNM Staff	2 minutes

**Total Time: 26 Minutes** 

## **Online Pledge Form Options**

#### **Donor Point:**

- Clean online pledge form where only the necessary options appear to the donor
- For larger companies (250 or more employees) is more extensive to set up, so UWNCNM asks for a 3-4 weeks' notice
- Offers SSO (Single Sign On) for employees through your Company Intranet
- Can be used for Regional and National Campaigns
  - UWNCNM will need to communicate with the local UWs so the campaign will be successful at all locations

### **Rollover Campaign:**

Create a Campaign that automatically rolls over into the next year.

#### Steps include:

- Complete and submit the confirmation form
- Define your timeline for when you want to run your campaign. Right before your campaign, you'll need to communicate to your employees the details and how they can make adjustments (We recommend about two weeks for notification of adjustments to their gift including designations or to increase giving.)
- Determine a point person for employees to contact regarding changes to their gifts or renewals for cash, check, or credit card donations.
- Reach out to new employees that have joined since the end of your last campaign.
- Submit pledge forms to your United Way contact for any new employees or changes to existing donor gifts at the end of your campaign.

## **After Your Campaign**

### **AFTER**

#### CAMPAIGN COMPLETION



#### Report Results and say "Thank You"

- Recognize individuals, groups and departments that went "above and beyond" during the campaign
- Announce your final results to all employees through a communication from your CEO and/or conduct a finale activity
- Thank everyone at the time of giving—offer a thank you card or small gift from the company for their participation (templates available online)
- Make a "Thank You" display (hang posters, campaign activity photos and mementos of the campaign)
- Give special thanks to your committee (hold a special coffee break at which everyone receives a company "item" and a special thank you from you and the CEO)
- Collect all pledge forms, place them in your provided UWNCNM envelope, complete the information on the front and schedule a pick-up with your UWNCNM representative
- Read the United Way E-Newsletter to keep informed about engagement opportunities in central New Mexico and convey news to the staff
- Invite your Corporate Relations Officer to speak at staff meetings outside of campaign season for community impact stories and updates
- Plan a group/team-building event or volunteer project for a hands-on experience.

## **HELP UWNCNM SAY "THANKS"**

When you share names and adresses of your donors with UWNCNM, we are able to directly thank them for giving. Donor information is NOT shared with or sold to any other organization. UWNCNM sends acknowledgement letters for pledges via email when possible; it is better for the environment, keeps our administrative costs low, and gives donors electronic access to their pledge information!



THANK YOU!

## **Delivering Donor Dollars**

It is important to follow the guidelines below to ensure that your donor dollars are delivered in a timely fashion. There may be a lapse in agencies receiving funds if we do not have the following detailed information.

### **Pledge Form Processing**

- The company keeps the white copy of the Payroll Pledge Form
- Do not staple checks or cash to forms please use paper clips
- There is a \$24 minimum to donate to non-UWNCNM designations
  - · Provide as much detail as possible for non-UWNCNM affiliated designations e.g., Nonprofit EIN #, phone, address
  - There is a 10% minimum required gift for processing donations outside of UWNCNM programs
- · For donors who prefer payment by credit card, there is a 3% fee

## **Enveloping Pledges**

- Companies should provide completed pledge forms to the Corporate Relations Officer or Campaign Coordinator in a timely manner
  - This is especially important when there are checks included as donors are expecting their checks to be deposited soon after donating.
- Do not staple checks or cash to forms

### **Information Needed from the Company**

- Who to contact about pledge forms when they are missing, need correcting or other issues
- Company Payroll Department contact
- Payroll payment schedule: bi-weekly, monthly?

## **Processing of Payment from Payroll to Designation**

Company Payroll Deduction 

□ Company AP Check □ UWNCNM Receives and Deposits □ Payment Processed □ Designation Paid Out

- Designation payout occurs monthly if the designated agency receives payment through ACH (automatic deposit).
   If they do not yet have ACH, they will be paid out quarterly by check.
- Alexis de Tocqueville payouts occur twice a month (ACH and check designations)

Any delays in any of the above steps will cause a delay in the payment to the designated agency. The biggest reason for delays is not having payroll deduction backup and/or incorrect pledge information.

### **Payments Processing Backup**

In order to ensure accuracy in applying payments to the correct donor, Payments Processing will need an employee payroll deduction detail. This should include:

- Company Name
- Payroll Period(s) the deductions occurred
- The Employee ID
- Employee Name (Last, First -in order of last name preferred)
- · Amount for the period of deductions

### **Example of a Payroll Department backup report for ABC Company:**

#### ABC Company Inc.

Pay Period: June 2024

160		Pay Amount (Donation)
12345	Doe, John E	10.00
12346	Doe, Jane F	10.00

Total Payment	 20.00←
prev payment for John Doe	5.00
Check Total	\$ 25.00

If Total Payment doesn't match check total, please explain why.

Please send payment detail in Excel format to payments@uwncnm.org. It is also okay to send in payment detail with the payment, but if the detail is more than a couple of pages, it's better to email the backup.

If you have any questions about the Payroll Detail Backup format, please contact Melissa Barela at melissa.barela@uwncnm.org, or send questions to the payments email above.

Send payments to either:

#### **Lockbox Deposit**

United Way of North Central New Mexico PO Box 25147 Albuquerque, NM 87125

#### **Direct Mail**

United Way of North Central New Mexico 2340 Alamo Ave SE, 2nd Floor Albuquerque, NM 87106

## **UWNCNM 2024 Campaign Team**

We're here to help you and your company run a successful campaign!

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