

# CFC “FUN”–DRAISING IDEAS



## Events

### Off and Running

Some agencies like to have big kick-off events, such as an employee meeting featuring a continental breakfast, to open their campaigns. This is a great time for the federal agency director to endorse the CFC and talk about upcoming campaign activities like employee meetings and fundraisers.

### A Ghoulishly Good Time

Many companies choose to conduct their campaign around Halloween. Have a Halloween party, create a haunted house and have a pumpkin-carving or costume contest. Try your luck at pumpkin bowling.

### Boogie for Dollars

Throw a company dance or even a dance-a-thon. Charge admission, entry fees, or have entrants get pledges for time danced or for number of dances.

### Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Have a breakfast, lunch or dinner to thank your employees for participating in the CFC. Give out thank-you tickets to people who gave, or ask everyone to pay for their meals with proceeds going to CFC.

### Mission Accomplished

Once your agency has reached its campaign goal, throw a finale party for the staff. Give a thank-you presentation (or have your CFC Specialist do it for you!). Serve refreshments and have prize drawings.

## Contests

### Ugly Tie or Hat Contest

Executive staff members wear their ugliest ties or hats and solicit "votes" (a vote is \$1) from employees. The person with the most votes at the end of the day wins a prize. Contributions go to the CFC.

### Match the Baby Face Contest

Employees bring photos of themselves as babies. Others buy ballots listing the photos by number, and they try to identify the photos. Offer a prize to the employee who gets the most correct answers.

### Look-alike Contest

Employees dress up like famous personalities such as Marilyn Monroe or Elvis. Others pay to vote on the best costume. The contestant receiving the most votes gets a prize.

### Most Humorous Photo Contest

Employees bring humorous photos to work. Employees vote for the funniest with money that goes to the CFC. The winning photographer gets a prize.

### LipSync Contest

Hold a lunchtime lipsync contest. Charge an entry fee and have the audience vote for the best act. Give a prize to the winner.

### Kiss the Pig Contest

Executive staff members collect \$1 votes all day. The executive with the fewest (or most) votes at the end of the week has to kiss a pig in front of the entire office.

### Office “Amazing Race”

Colleagues form teams and must go around the office following clues and accomplishing challenges related to different countries (or perhaps different CFC charities!). First team to complete the challenges and reach the finish line receives a prize.

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## Sports

### **Golf Tournament or Putt-Putt Contest**

Work with a nearby golf course to get reduced rates. Charge players the regular price with proceeds going to the CFC. Humorous prizes can be handed out later at a potluck dinner (shortest drive, highest score, etc.). Or, set up a miniature golf course within your own office, lobby or work area. Charge each player and award a prize to the player with the lowest score.

### **Tricycle Races**

Before the race, employees pay to have sandbags or rolled pennies tied to opposing department managers' trikes. Hold the race in the lunchroom or outside. The first one to the finish line wins a prize for the department (such as a pizza party!).

### **Tug-of-War**

Pit employees against executive staff or have an inter-department competition. Teams pay a fee to enter.

### **Team Sports Competitions**

Form basketball, volleyball, softball or other teams between departments, divisions, branches or regions and get pledges for goals scored, baskets made, etc. Provide refreshment stands.

### **Bowling Tournament**

Get a bowling alley to reduce normal fees. Charge participants the regular price with proceeds going to CFC. Participants can get pledges for the number of pins knocked over.

### **Office Olympics**

Set up an obstacle course in the lunchroom, several offices, several floors of offices, or outside. One station can be for typing a couple paragraphs, another station for filing, another for photocopying, etc. The contestants pay an entry fee and the winner gets a prize.

### **Singles or Doubles**

Charge an entry fee and have singles or doubles elimination. Award the winning team with a prize.

- Ping Pong-a-thon
- Darts Challenge
- Texas Hold 'em Poker (use chips, not real money!)
- Croquet Tournament
- Tennis or Racquetball Tournaments

### **Pedal, Stride or Stroll**

Charge an entry fee. Participants collect pledges for the number of miles they ride, run or walk.

- Bike-a-thon
- Fun Run (the Army Corps of Engineers has hosted one on the Portland Esplanade for several years and raises about \$2,000 annually for the CFC).
- Walk-a-thon

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## Auctions/Sales

### Lunch Box or Gift Basket Auction

Employees supply lunches or gift baskets to be auctioned off. Give prizes for the most creative or elegant creations.

### Executive Auction

Get the executive staff to donate half a day to the CFC. Then auction each executive off to the employees. The executive must take over the employee's job for half a day.

### Home-grown Auction

Employees donate random items for auction such as cakes, cookies, monthly parking spots, a weekend at their summer cabin, or a home-cooked dinner. Services such as car detailing, wallpapering, or a month of lawn mowing also may be auctioned.

### Rummage Sales

Employees donate items to be sold in the parking lot or cafeteria. 36

### Balloon Sales

Sell CFC balloons. Stuff a message inside announcing a prize they've won or a thank you for their donation to the CFC.

### Book Sales

Invite a company to sell new books at discount for 10 percent of sales toward your fundraising goal, or have employees bring in used book for a book sale and 100 percent of sales go toward your goal.

## The Way to a Donor's Heart

### Food Sales

- Bake sale
- Pie-eating contest
- Candy bar or popcorn sale
- Lunchtime spaghetti or chili feed
- Pancake feed
- Lunchtime barbecue
- Oktoberfest theme with sausage lunches
- Ice cream social
- Cheesecake sale



### Volunteer Opportunities & Collection Drives

Work with a local charity to set up a volunteer project or collection drive in your office for goods or services that the charity needs. Non-profit organizations rely on the generosity of volunteers, and it's a great way to give your fellow employees a direct experience with a local organization. Be sure and get approval from your office director, and find out the allowances by your human resources department for community service projects.

[Hands on Greater Portland](#), [Hands on the Mid-Willamette Valley](#) and similar organizations throughout our CFC territory have databases of volunteer opportunities. Just make sure the project that you choose is with a CFC approved charity.

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## Almost Anything Goes

### Compliment-o-grams

Make up special forms and sell them to employees as an anonymous way to give a compliment to someone in the office. Compliment-o-grams must be delivered by a trustworthy employee sworn to secrecy. Charge \$1-\$2 per compliment.

### Balloon-o-grams

Have messages tied to helium balloons delivered to designated co-workers. Charge \$1-\$2 per balloon.

### Dead Flower Bouquets

This is a great Halloween idea. Get flower shops and restaurants to donate dead flowers. Employees pay to have a dead-flower bouquet with a message sent to another employee. Charge a dollar or two per flower and message.

### Penny Jar

Each department has a jar and each penny equals a point. Anything other coins or bills equals its value in negative points. For example, a dime is minus 10 points. The department with the most positive points at the end of a week wins a prize.

### "Survivor" Penny Jar

Assign a penny jar each to several of your organization's top management. Over the course of the campaign, executive-survivors would be "voted off" by the amount of money stuffed into their coin jars.

### Treasure Hunt

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

### Cookbook Sales

Have employees donate recipes and put them together in a cookbook. Give away samples of the food while selling the cookbooks.

### Car Wash

Employees pay to get their cars washed in the parking lot during the workday.

### Dunk Tank

Set up a dunk tank in the parking lot. Have executives take turns on the "hot seat." Charge \$1 per try.

### Tape Your Boss to the Wall

Employees pay for a 2-3 foot strip of duct tape, and they get to apply it over the limb of a brave voluntary senior manager who is standing on a chair against a wall. After all purchases have been made and tape applied, the chair is pulled away in front of a rapt audience to see how long the boss stays up. You can also take guesses in advance for how long one thinks the tape will hold, for an additional fee, of course. All proceeds go to the CFC.

### Dress Down for the CFC

Employees pay \$5 to wear casual clothes on a specific workday during the campaign. Each employee who participates gets a CFC sticker to wear that day.

### Executive Shoe Shine

The company executives set up a shoe shine stand in a heavy traffic area. The executives shine employee shoes for a CFC donation.