

# Host a Special Event for CHAD!



CHAD (Combined Health Agencies Drive) promotes a culture of giving in workplaces throughout the state. Allowing CHAD to help facilitate charitable giving for your company makes supporting your community easier for you and builds teamwork, promotes fun in the workplace and lets your employees feel good about helping others.

### How it works:

1. Plan to hold a special event as often as you would like: one time only, once per quarter, once per month.
2. Choose an event from the list on the next pages or come up with an idea of your own! CHAD staff is happy to help you come up with an event that works best for your company if needed.
3. Turn in money raised during the event to CHAD.

Dollars raised through special event giving can be designated to a specific charity if it is advertised to employees ahead of time; otherwise all dollars raised during special events will be designated to CHAD to be distributed to member charities. Your generosity ensures our charities can:

- provide care and support programs for those affected by chronic disease, disabilities and end-of-life issues.
- fund education and prevention programs in our communities.
- support advocacy and medical research efforts.

## Our Member Charity Partners:



## **BINGO**

Print BINGO cards and sell them to employees. Every day, email a BINGO number to all participants. The first one to reply with “BINGO” wins. The game continues until all prizes are distributed.

## **TAILGATE PARTY**

Hold a pay-per-plate cookout during lunch. Cook brats, burgers, hot dogs and other tailgating items.

## **CHILI COOK-OFF**

Participants pay to enter their chili into the contest. Choose judges and determine prizes for first, second and third place. After judging, employees can pay to sample each chili. Remember to supply cheese, sour cream, crackers, TUMS, etc.

## **SOUP POTLUCK**

Employees sign up to bring their favorite soup or bread. Set up at lunch time and charge participants fees for a bottomless bowl to try one or all! Encourage co-workers to bring their own reusable bowl.

## **FRONT ROW PARKING**

Sell tickets and raffle off front row parking spots for a year or during the winter months.

## **DRESS DOWN DAY**

Employees can buy casual day stickers to wear on certain days of the week.

## **EXTRA VACATION**

Sell tickets and raffle off a day or half-day of vacation.

## **DONUT DAYS**

Get donuts donated from a bakery every Friday and sell them at work.

## **FAVORITE TEAM**

Employees can pay to wear the jersey of their favorite sports team to work.

## **JEANS DAY**

Allow employees to wear jeans on Fridays or other official jeans day. Provide stickers they can buy to advertise why they are dressed in jeans.

## **NOTE DAY**

Have employees write thank you notes for their fellow co-workers and pay to have them delivered.

## **PIZZA SALES**

Work with a restaurant or wholesaler to donate pizza or give you a percentage of pizza you sell. Take orders from employees and deliver them. Or, put pizza kits together yourself.

## **COMPANY-WIDE GARAGE SALE**

Hold a sale onsite and allow employees to sell items they don't want while raising money for a great cause.

## **FLAMINGO INSURANCE**

Purchase 20 inexpensive flamingos (stuffed, on a stand, etc.) Employees can purchase Flamingo Insurance for \$10 to ensure that no flamingo can enter their office or cubicle. Employees pay \$5 to send a flamingo to an office or cubicle that does not have a Flamingo Insurance. If you receive a flamingo in your office, you can pay \$2 to send it away.

### **INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY**

Group employees together to create tasty treats from around the world. Employees decorate their booths and dress in appropriate costumes. Hold the event over the lunch hour, allowing employees to purchase tickets redeemable for food at the booths. Invite a panel of “celebrity” judges to award prizes.

### **BALLOON POP SURPRISE**

Put a prize note in each balloon (soda, jeans day, gift card, candy bar, sports tickets, etc.) Be sure to have one big prize. Place balloons in a contained area and have participants pay to pop balloons for prizes.

### **PIE IN THE FACE**

Give each executive team member a bucket and ask employees to contribute during a set period of time. The executive that has the most money in their bucket gets pied in the face.

### **GOLD FISH RACE**

Order goldfish from a pet store ahead of time, pick them up on racing day, and sell to employees. You can also sell goldfish ahead of time to determine the exact number needed. You will also need nets for catching fish and small plastic bags for putting individual fish in. During the event, each fish is given the opportunity to race down a gutter section (with end caps). This can be purchased from a hardware store. Start by having five fish in five separate gutter sections go at one time and repeat as necessary. Winners are determined by a process of elimination leading up to the final heat. First, second and third place winners are awarded ribbons and fish bowls to take their prized fish home. Serve gold fish crackers and punch as a snack during the event.

### **EXECUTIVE DUNK TANK**

Employees pay per ball for a chance to dunk their boss or pay a higher fee to walk up and press the “dunk” button. Participants pay extra to add a bag of ice to the dunk tank water.

### **EMPLOYEE 5K FUN RUN**

Have employees and family members participate in an informal 5k run/walk. Charge a fee with all proceeds going to CHAD.

### **APPRECIATION/COMPLIMENT GRAMS**

Design thank you or congratulations notes for co-workers to buy and send to each other.

### **CHANGE BANDIT**

An employee dresses as a bandit, approved by security. Have them visit employees for spare change.

### **SPARE CHANGE JARS**

Place jars near vending machines or gathering places. Ask employees to deposit spare change throughout the year. This can also be a competition between departments to see who collects the most change.

### **WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**

Employees donate odd items for the sale. Co-workers have the opportunity to buy items and stipulate in whose workspace these items should be displayed. The objects must stay in that location for a certain time frame.

### **SPELLING BEE**

Hold a spelling bee and charge an entry fee. Have observers place bets on their favorite participants.

### **ENTERTAINMENT DRIVE**

Employees donate new or slightly used books, videos, DVDs, board games, puzzles, etc. and hold a sale to benefit CHAD.

### **HAUNTED CUBICLE**

Offer the opportunity to “lease” an empty office or cubicle space that employee teams can decorate. Employees vote on the best cubicle space by donating to the one they like most. You can offer a prize of a gift card, an extra day of PTO, etc.

### **RENT AN ASSISTANT**

Reach out and see which of your employees would be interested in volunteering their time in one-hour increments. Then allow other employees to “rent” them for different rates to help organize their office, finish a project, etc. Suggest donations: \$25 for 30 minutes, \$50 for an hour and \$100 for a full day.

### **GUESS THE NUMBER**

Fill a clear jar with candy and have employees pay for a chance to guess the number of pieces in the jar. The most accurate guess wins the candy or another prize.

### **MASSAGE THERAPIST**

A therapist, preferably one who will donate time, visits the workplace and employees sign up for slots. Employees pay for a massage, with proceeds benefiting CHAD.

### **SMELL THE ROSES**

Have a local florist donate flowers or purchase flowers from a florist. Then, have employees buy flowers or arrangements to send to co-workers or for personal use.

### **CHARGE LATE FEES**

Employees who arrive late for meetings or other company events pay a fee to be donated to CHAD.

### **AVANT-GARDE ATTIRE**

Employees pay to dress in their most dramatic garb to ignite creativity for the day.

### **GUESS THE BABY PICTURE**

Employees bring their baby pictures to work and post the photos a few days prior to the event. Contestants pay to enter the contest and pay to match employees to their baby pictures. The employee with the highest number of correct matches wins a prize.

### **LUNCH BOX AUCTION**

Employees create gourmet lunches to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Give prizes for the most creative, nutritious, elegant or clever meals.

### **BUILD YOUR OWN ICE CREAM SUNDAES**

Have ice cream and a wide variety of sundae toppings (nuts, fruit, cookies, gummy bears, crushed candy bars, whipped cream, cherries, etc.) available for employees to build their own sundaes.

### **NACHO/PRETZEL SALE**

Sell plates of nachos and/or soft pretzels with cheese and jalapeño peppers. Donate proceeds to CHAD.

### **PEANUTS, GET YOUR PEANUTS**

Decorate a push cart with a sports theme. Stock the cart with individual bags of salted peanuts, chips, hot dogs, soda and all necessary condiments (ketchup, mustard, relish, onion). Visit cubicles and sell items.

### **POTLUCK**

Post a sign-up sheet for employees to bring entrées, salads and desserts to share. Employees can pay to eat.

### **WALKING TACO SALE**

Sell individual bags of chips with divided plastic or foam containers filled with taco meat, cheese, sour cream, tomatoes, lettuce, packets of hot sauce, etc. Price accordingly.

### **INFORMATIVE MEETING INCENTIVES**

Hold a workplace meeting and have a representative from CHAD and an agency speaker give a presentation. Offer donuts, coffee or raffle tickets to attendees.

### **EXECUTIVE CHEF**

Auction off dinner for two or more at the home of an executive.

### **BOX RAFFLE**

Boxes are placed in high-traffic areas with the name of a prize in each. Employees buy tickets and put them in the boxes corresponding to the prize they want to win. A winner is drawn from each box.

### **SILENT AUCTION**

The company donates auction items such as office furniture, printers, scanners, computers, corporate box seats at a sporting event, company apparel, etc. Employees can also donate items/services. All proceeds go to CHAD.

### **GETAWAY**

Have co-workers donate time at their vacation homes to the highest bidder with proceeds supporting CHAD.

### **LUNCH WITH CEO**

Auction or raffle off lunch with the CEO – CEO's treat!

### **MYSTERY PUMPKINS**

Buy miniature or regular pumpkins for employees to purchase. Write numbers on the bottom of each pumpkin. Draw numbers for prizes corresponding to the numbers on the pumpkins. Pumpkins can be taken home and carved for a later Pumpkin Carving contest.

### **RUBBER DUCKIES**

Write numbers on the bottom of rubber ducks and have prizes corresponding to those numbers. Charge participants for each time they pick up a duck.