CENTRE COUNTY UNITED WAY

2025 Campaign Newsletter

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Welcome to Your 2025 Workplace Campaign!

Dear Campaign Coordinators,

We appreciate your support! The Workplace Campaign is the United Way's most prominent global fundraising activity, contributing over 30% of total funds for community improvement. Campaigns unite employers, employees, and United Way, playing a crucial role in our ongoing efforts.

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to assist you in your campaign initiatives. My goal is to provide you with the tools for success, recognizing that every campaign and workplace is unique. If you have ideas or need materials to motivate your team, let's connect!

Today, so many of our neighbors are working hard to overcome barriers and get ahead. Somewhere in our community:

• A working parent is looking for a way to make this week's paycheck cover the growing costs of groceries, prescriptions, and housing.

• A middle-schooler is struggling to find a way to stay focused in class because she didn't get a nutritious breakfast.

• A high school grad is searching for a way to turn his diploma into a good-paying job and a promising career.

But they're not alone.

Together with our community-serving partners and supporters like you, we can connect people to the opportunities they need to reach their full potential and make Centre County a place where everyone can thrive.

No challenge is too big for us to take on when we work together.

Because, United is the Way[™].

With gratitude,



Campaign & Relationship Manager



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Campaign Recognition

Support Levels & Recognition

We're thrilled to offer you the chance to spread the word about your support with our new Campaign Badges! These digital assets feature your organization's name, the campaign year, and your support level. In 2023, we also introduced window clings for physical locations. Check out our website with a dedicated section honoring your support. Visit us at: <u>ccunitedway.org/corporate-donors.</u>

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Didn't receive your 2024 recognition? Contact us so we can update our mailing records!

Thank You 2024 Corporate Donors



Corporate

Donors

Champion: Total Giving Exceeds \$10,000



Advocate: Total Giving \$5,000 - \$9,999



Friend: Total Giving \$250 - \$999



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Blue Cross/ Blue Shield Penn State Milton S. Hershey Cen-Clear Child Services, Inc. Caterpillar A Mindful Village Centre Care State College Community Land Trust Park Forest Preschool UPMC Stahl Sheaffer Engineering, LLC Centre Safe Ferguson Township Fiore, Fedeli, Snyder, Carothers, LLP. Columbia Gas Of Pennsylvania, Inc. Koch Funeral Home





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Promoter: Total Giving \$1,000 - \$4,999

ExxonMobil State College Food Bank Lyons Kennels & Lyons Salvage Fulton Bank, N.A. L3Harris UGI Utilities, Inc. Brent Cogan Electrical Services Holiday Pools and Spas The Happy Valley Adventure Bureau Bellefonte Family Dentistry Keystone Payroll, Inc. Walizer Insurance Walter Hopkins & Company, LLP Eli Lily & Company



Friend level offers valuable support with contributions starting from \$250 up to \$999.

FRIEND





PROMOTER Promoter level encourages active

Promoter level encourages active participation with contributions between \$1,000 and \$4,999.

ADVOCATE

Advocate level showcases generous contributions ranging from \$5,000 to \$9,999.

CHAMPION

Champion level signifies exceptional support with total contributions exceeding \$10,000.

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Minitab. LLC. Weis Markets Sunbury **Barton Associates, Inc. Centre County YSB** EnergyCap, LĹC R. H. Marcon. Inc. SCASD **Borough of State College** McClatchy (CDT) Strawberry Fields, Inc. **Bentley Systems, Inc Jersey Shore State Bank** KBB **Enterprise Rent-A-Car IBEW** Local 5 **First National Bank Target 1288 Boyer & Ritter LLC**

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The Arc of Centre County **Doty & Hench Insurance** DFC. Air Products & Chemicals, Inc. **CNB Bank Babst Calland Toftrees Resort Housing Transitions Inc. Centre Property Innovations Congregation Brit Shalom Northwest Bank Centre County Government Catholic Charities** CVIM Sheetz Inc. **Penn State Health CCUW (Staff) First Commonwealth Bank**

Tips and Best Practices

Introducing: Evergreen Campaigns!

What is an Evergreen Campaign?

An evergreen United Way campaign allows employee pledges to automatically renew each year, continuing for the duration of an employee's service-unless they choose to change or end their contribution. No need for employees to re-enroll annually. No more restarting from scratch. Just ongoing, meaningful support that sustains community impact year after vear.

Why Make the Switch to Evergreen Giving?

🗸 Less Administrative Work

- Reduces need for paperwork and re-enrollment
- Streamlines HR and payroll processes
- Simplifies coordination company-wide

Sustained Community Impact

- Ensures consistent, reliable funding for programs supporting education, financial stability, and health in Centre County
- Empowers Centre County United Way to plan longterm solutions, not just short-term responses

S Convenient for Employees

- Set it and forget it-pledges continue seamlessly
- Flexibility-increase, decrease, or stop at any time
- Promotes a giving culture without constant asks

"We've saved dozens of hours in administrative work and our giving levels remain strong year-round. Evergreen pledging has been a win for our company and our community.

How to Implement an Evergreen Campaign

- Revise Employee Pledge Forms: Include an "evergreen" option or default.
- **Clear Communication:** Inform employees that pledges continue unless modified.
- Payroll Coordination: Set up automatic, ongoing deductions.
- Recognize Ongoing Donors: Celebrate them as workplace champions.

CCUW will assist your team with tools, templates, and onboarding support to make this transition smooth and effective!

Ready to Go Evergreen? Let's Collaborate.

Contact us to start or schedule a meeting to tailor a plan for your workplace. Together, we can strengthen Centre County-today and every day.

Centre County United Way

CAMPAIGN: BEST PRACTICES

Tips for successful fundraising initiatives

ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Engage the CEO or Senior Management

Ensure that the vision of top leadership shines brightly upon the initiative

Recruit a Committee

Gather a diverse assembly from all tiers for seamless management and communication.

Promote and Publicize

Set forth a clear goal to ignite the spirit of participation. Utilize United Way resources to educate employees.

Host a Kick-Off Event

Inspire enthusiasm through the visible support of leadership. Collaborate with the United Way to bring in a motivational speaker from a partner agency to showcase the impact of your efforts.

CAMPAIGN STRATEGY

Follow Up

Many people don't donate simply because they aren't asked! Collect all pledges, regardless of current contributions, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to participate

Keep Them Giving

Midway through your campaign, compare this year's donor list with last year's to identify non-pledgers. Personally thank contributors and create a follow-up strategy for those who haven't responded

Thank Everyone! Celebrate Success

Express sincere gratitude to all who supported the campaign. Share the total amount raised and the employee participation percentage. It's essential to show gratitude for everyone's contributions

Get a Jump on Next Year

Convene with your team and United Way staff to evaluate the campaign. Discuss successes, challenges, and strategies to enhance next year's efforts



www.ccunitedway.org/campaign-resource-center

Resource Center & Campaign Pages

Visit our Campaign Resource Center on our website for all campaign needs! You'll find downloadable forms, flyers, sample campaign links, and more. Create a personalized Campaign Page for your company to accept credit card donations and track progress in real-time, which has been shown to increase participation.

Don't forget to request QR Code Cards to effortlessly guide employees to your campaign page!



Campaign **Resource Center**

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2025 Events

Preview of 2025 Events*

- June 4, 2025 LIVE UNITED ACADEMY
- June 10, 2025 2025 Campaign Kick Off
- July December 2025 Workplace Campaigns Run
- July 29, 2025 Over The Edge Hyatt Place
- September 15, 2025 Penn State IT Golf Tournament
- October 9, 2025 Day of Caring powered by PNC
- November TBD, 2025 Taste of the Town
- December 19, 2025 Workplace Campaign Reporting Due
- January 31, 2026 2025 Campaign End Date
- February TBD, 2026 Campaign Celebration



Join us for an exhilarating experience as we rappel for a cause at Over The Edge, benefiting the Centre County United Way! This year, we're descending from the Hyatt Place State College, the tallest building in the area. Challenge yourself while supporting over 50,000 Centre County residents who depend on United Way funded programs and services.

Volunteer Opportunities

We take pride in our "Community Owned and Led" campaign, seeking engaged volunteers for all levels. Join our Campaign Cabinet for business outreach or participate in community-led Funds Distribution. Contact us to learn about these opportunities!

Connect with Us





Sign up for our newsletter!





Sustaining Sponsorships

We are thrilled to offer an annual opportunity featuring multiple events, allowing your brand to gain visibility, engage with a diverse audience, and showcase your community involvement. Scan the code or visit our website for more information.



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