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VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS HOSTING VARIETY OF SPECIAL EVENTS



Volunteers at WI Employee Trust Funds raise almost \$660 for Partners in Giving from recent special events, including a Halloween Costume Contest. First place group winner was OSHP as Pirates Roller Derby. Congrats!

As the 2016 Partners in Giving Campaign "Give a little, Change a lot" rolls towards its official halfway mark, chairs and volunteer coordinators at UW and state agencies are in high gear - prepping for and hosting a variety of creative and successful special events. And the buzz they're creating is paying off! Take WI ETF, for example. Two recent events, a Halloween Costume Contest and a

Chili/Curry Cook off, saw lots of employee involvement and raised a chunk of money for charity in the process! The ETF Halloween Costume Contest winners were based on the total donations raised by each entry. The top winner pulled in more than \$125!

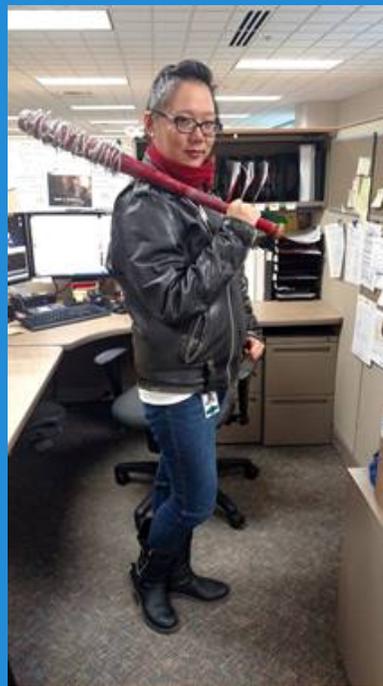


BAS Group at WI ETF took second place in Halloween Costume Contest!

Special Events are a Partners in Giving tradition and great tools. Fun and interesting events help create and sustain awareness of the Campaign and reach out to employees from all corners of your workplace. Each year, bake sales, silent auctions, scavenger hunts, media sales and lots of other events are organized and very successful. They are only limited by imagination! Consider the needs of your agency or unit and shape an event that will fit well with your coworkers and their time and resources.

Another tip is to engage top administrators or leaders. Sometimes their direct involvement sparks even more interest from employees because they too want to participate! Make it fun, be creative and raise some money in the process. It's all good. And don't get discouraged if something doesn't quite work this time. You can always learn from it and tweak or replace the event next year! Even the smallest special events create good camaraderie and help spread the word about the impact of Partners in Giving. For more info and tips on special events, go to the [Partners in Giving Special Events Guide](#) and the Volunteers and Chairs [Resources](#) section. It's all found on the Partners in Giving website

giving.wi.gov And don't forget you can [go online to request](#) a "Tabling Event" or a speaker from one of the umbrella charities for any event!



SPECIAL EVENT TIP: MINUTE TO WIN IT!

Here's an idea to fill time while volunteer organizers tally scores or take care of other tasks during various Partners in Giving Special Events: try a Minute to Win It contest! These easy, one-minute contests can be found on the internet and YouTube



and offer a variety of short, inexpensive and fun ways to keep your audiences engaged. They can be very funny!

The WI Dept. of Corrections Partners in Giving Volunteer Committee recently hosted a Halloween Trivia Contest. Each time the scores had to be tabulated, Minute To Win It volunteer contestants either raced to blow plastic cups off a table with a balloon in 60 seconds, or, bobble their heads to activate a headband pedometer and accumulate as many "steps" as possible! Check it out!





ABOVE: WI DOC Partners in Giving Volunteer Chair Charlie Crawford-Fischer (left in wig) and another Trivia Contest participant compete in Minute To Win It Bobblehead Contest to clock the most 'steps' on a pedometer. It takes effort and concentration!

BOTTOM: Contestants race to see who can blast the most plastic cups off a table with air from a balloon! Great way to keep event energy going!

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CAMPAIGN NEWS AND INFO



Special events are great...but, **don't forget to pass the "bread and butter"!**

Direct donations employees make online or by filling out the pledge forms comprise **the vast majority of funds** raised each year by the Campaign, its "bread and butter". In 2015, the

Campaign raised over \$2.55 million for hundreds of charities. Of that, about \$129,000 came from Special Events. It's a reminder not to forget the importance of **direct donations** and what a huge difference they make!

- For tips on how to reach out to ask coworkers for contributions go to Partners in Giving website Volunteer section and click on [Training Videos](#) to get great ideas and methods that encourage donations.
- You can also use examples of how even a small gift of \$1, \$5 or \$10 a month can and does make a difference. This information is readily available to anyone at www.giving.wi.gov under the section [Why Donate](#). Reaching out to co workers and raising participation rates is the key goal. Getting a lot of people to give even a little adds up to enormous change for 520 charities and the people and causes they serve. What you do to engage them matters. Thank you!

LATEST TOTALS FROM THE CAMPAIGN

On the financial front: **so far, so good!** The numbers to date from Chairs at the UW, UW Health and agencies are adding up quickly and the results point to a very successful campaign, if we can keep up the momentum. As of 10/31/16, combined employee pledges total almost \$446,000! Spectacular! And very close to last year's totals at this time. For State/UW/UW Health breakdowns and work units, go to the [latest numbers for the Partners in Giving Campaign](#). We have 1,624 donors on board already!

P.S. If you haven't seen it, please take time to click on this WISC-TV [NEWS 3 EDITORIAL!](#) It highlights the ongoing work of the Partners in Giving Campaign and the generosity of state, UW and UW Health employees. Feel free to forward to share!

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