

United Way- Virtual Special Events

- 1. **Virtual Auction or Raffle**:** Organize an online auction or raffle where employees can bid on donated items or experiences. Encourage local businesses to contribute goods or services to support the cause.
- 2. **Virtual Talent Show**:** Host a talent show where employees can showcase their talents through pre-recorded videos or live performances via video conferencing. Charge an entry fee/donation for participants and viewers.
- 3. **Fitness Challenge**:** Organize a virtual fitness challenge where employees can participate from home. They can pledge donations based on their activity levels or achievements over a set period.
- 4. **Cooking or Baking Class**:** Arrange virtual cooking or baking classes led by employees or local chefs. Participants can donate to join the class and learn new recipes.
- 5. **Virtual Game Night**:** Host a virtual game night with trivia quizzes, bingo, or other interactive games. Employees can join by donating to participate, and prizes can be sponsored or donated.
- 6. **Online Workshops or Seminars**:** Invite experts to conduct virtual workshops on topics of interest (e.g., financial planning, mindfulness, career development). Charge a fee or suggest a donation for attendance.
- 7. **Virtual 5K or Walkathon**:** Employees can participate in a virtual walkathon or 5K run/walk from their neighborhoods. Set fundraising goals and encourage participants to seek pledges or donations per kilometer/mile.
- 8. **DIY Craft Session**:** Organize a virtual DIY craft session where participants create something (e.g., holiday decorations, artwork) guided by a professional or enthusiastic employee. Donations can be encouraged for supplies or participation.
- 9. **Storytelling or Open Mic Event**:** Host a virtual storytelling or open mic event where employees share personal stories, poetry, or readings. Participants can donate to attend or perform.
- 10. **Virtual Happy Hour or Coffee Chat**:** Organize a casual virtual gathering where employees can socialize, relax, and contribute to the cause through suggested donations or a virtual tip jar.

11. **Virtual Pet Show or Pet Parade:** Organize a virtual pet show or parade where employees showcase their pets via video conferencing. Participants can donate to enter their pets or vote for their favorites.

12. **Digital Cookbook:** Compile employee recipes into a digital cookbook and offer it for sale/donation. Include stories or anecdotes alongside recipes to add a personal touch.

13. **Virtual Escape Room Challenge:** Arrange a virtual escape room challenge where teams solve puzzles and complete tasks to "escape." Participants can donate to participate, and prizes can be awarded to the fastest teams.