

Kick-Off Planning Timeline

4 WEEKS BEFORE Say Thank You! 2 WEEKS BEFORE Send a communication to thank staff Your Campaign Committee should: Your Campaign Committee should: for joining your kick-off event, and • Plan the campaign theme, special events and volunteer encourage them to make a donation • Promote the campaign's special events and opportunities. using the online pledge tool. meetings. • Set dates for employee meetings. **6 WEEKS BEFORE** Thank key contributors to your kick-• Conduct a leadership giving campaign, one • Identify speakers for employee meetings. off including speakers and anyone of the best ways to increase the success of the Meet with your Employee Campaign Coordinator to who helped you plan. overall campaign. • Request materials from the United Way. Everyone should develop campaign goals and strategies. receive pledge forms or ePledges* and brochures. • Send communication from CEO endorsing/ • Personalize pledge or ePledges forms with individuals announcing the campaign. Follow Up contact information. **Event Day** 6 Weeks Before 4 Weeks Before 2 Weeks Before LAST MINUTE TEST Test your conference system and any other technology before going live-just in case. **READY, SET, INSPIRE!** Engage your entire organization, inspire them to participate in this year's Campaign and support their community! Immediately After the Event: SEND THE DONATION LINK Help your staff support their community by sending out the donation link. If you've hosted multiple events, send the link out after the last kick-off event has concluded.