United Way of Grundy County



## $12_{\rm STEPS}$ to a successful united way corporate campaign

Companies that use the **Twelve Steps to Success** find that their employee campaigns are dramatically more successful. These simple twelve steps constitute United Way's campaign best practices.

- 1. GET CEO/PRESIDENT BEHIND YOUR CAMPAIGN.
- 2. MAKE GENEROUS GIVING EASY. Payroll deduction year round is the best method of giving.
- 3. **DEVELOP A CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.** Represent all sections of the workforce (labor, management, salaried staff, hourly personnel, etc.).
- 4. SET YOUR GOAL. Build on prior year's success and look on industry standards to determine goal.
- 5. **SELECT AND TRAIN SOLICITORS.** One solicitor for every 10 to 15 employees is recommended.
- 6. CAMPAIGN MATERIALS. Campaign DVD, video, Power Point, brochures, posters, pledge cards, pins, etc.
- 7. **PUBLICIZE YOUR CAMPAIGN**. Develop a theme and communicate it throughout the workforce (e-mail, posters, newsletters, etc.).
- 8. HOLD AN EMPLOYEE RALLY OR KICK OFF. This symbolizes that your company United Way campaign has started and has employees focus on this important community effort.
- 9. EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN. Via peer-to-peer solicitation or group solicitation, each employee is personally asked to help his/her community
- 10. FOLLOW THROUGH AND SAY "THANK YOU." Follow up to insure everyone has an opportunity to give. Say "Thank You" to all who gave and participated in the coordination and implementation.
- 11. **BEGIN A NEW HIRES PROGRAM**. As they are hired, give new employees an opportunity to make a payroll deduction pledge.
- 12. **REPORT ALL CAMPAIGN RESULTS TO YOUR LOCAL UNITED WAY**. Complete the report forms and return all materials, contributions (cash and/or checks) to the United Way office.