UW Combined Fund Drive
National Observance Days Breakout Session

October
10/1
- National Hair Day: Donate shampoo/conditioner
- Cookie Day: Bake sale and cookie contest
- Apple Day: Provide statistics related to WA State apple exports; create fact sheet with some research, statistics and maybe a quiz in which trivia questions are included (prizes available); fun activities in which we have participants ((bobbing for apples); best apple dessert wins a prize, plus there could be a suggested donation to participate in the games, test, or sample a dessert. Recipes provided. Best-dressed apple ensemble wins a prize.

10/2
- Name Your Car Day: Donate to make a sign for car

10/3
- Techies Day: Donate for tech help

10/4
- Tacos for Training: Fundraiser ideas such as auction items, taco contest, etc.

10/5
- Do Something Nice Day: Donor/volunteer appreciation/track hours on line; create a list of nonprofits with signup sheets to volunteer

10/8
- National Pierogi Day: Bake off/Bite of Pierogi; best votes; auction homemade pierogi

10/9
- Leif Erickson Day: Invite speaker from the Nordic Museum; Leif Erickson Lodge; auction lunch w/faculty

10/10
- Coming Out Day: Fundraising for LGBTQ celebration
- Cake Decorating Day: Vote for favorite cake

10/13
- National Costume Swap Day: Donation to take home a costume
- Train Your Brain – Trivia/fun facts
- National No Bra Day – Bra drive (maternity, teen, etc.) and donate to women's shelters/domestic violence

10/14
- National Dessert Day – Dessert contest where people pay to taste/vote

10/15
- Clean Your Virtual Desktop – Send charity photos/logo for background
- Train Brain Day – invite Alzheimer's Association

10/16
- World Food Day – Host a potluck and food drive and recommend $5 donation or canned international dishes (donated) item, sign-up sheets for dishes and cultural facts for dish; e-mails/promos – international fun facts about cultures, recipes, countries “official” dishes/foods (i.e., Canada = maple syrup, Australia = Fish & Chips, Hawaii = SPAM; food drive for local food bank, homeless shelter, church
10/17
- Black Poetry Day – Send poem by e-mail; book drive

10/18
- National Chocolate Cupcake Day – Bring in cupcakes for a cupcake-tasting contest. Winner chooses the charity.
- National Get Smart About Credit Day – Inspirus Credit Union promotion all month long

10/24
- U.N. Day – Bring food from your home country/culture for food awareness and community/diversity awareness

10/27
- National American Beer Day – Host a happy hour event with a portion of the proceeds to benefit UWCFD

10/28
- Chocolate – Vote milk vs dark, etc.

10/31
- Halloween - Costume contest; Potluck/Coin Jar – guess how many candies in jar; decorate cubicle; donate kids costumes
- Girl Scout Founders Day – Outreach/science of education activities

Other ideas
- Tie weekly emails to holidays
- On food-related days: Food banks & food drives – invite speakers; baking/cooking competitions/sales; auctions w/prizes
- AIDS Charity – Latino AIDS
- Amazon Wish List for items to donate
- Bake Sale/coffee bar on National Homemade Cookie Day
- Basket Auction
- Black Cat Day – Black Cat Café
- Cats
- Chocolate vs. Fruit
- Combine efforts w/other departments/teams
- Cookie vs. Brownie
- Custodial Day – awareness/collect cleaning supplies for orgs and families
- Do Something Nice Day
- Encourage changing desktop (as with a screen-saver) to charity as a reminder
- Find Your Why
- Fluffernutter Day – PB & _____ bar
- Food Day – food drive for Husky Pantry – get bin for department
- “Guess the Number Jar” (candy, marbles, etc.)
- Homemade Cookie Day – bake sale/coin jar
- Inner Beauty Day – Headshots w/donation
- National Bosses Day – Pie the Boss!
- National Chocolate Day – chocolate auction/sale/trade
- National Consignment Day – Garage Sale
- National Down Syndrome (all month) – awareness; Special Olympics, Seattle
- National Haircare Month – Shampoo donation
- National Hygiene Month – Charity that has dental vans
- National Manufacturers Day – Non-profit builds – Tiny Houses
- National Savings Day – Coin Drive
- National Techies Day – Tech Pop-Up; Exchange Ideas
- National Vanilla Cupcake Day – $10 entry to taste; volunteer bakers sign-up, 10 with top 3 awards, rule – every cake is vanilla – anything else goes!, will get vote for best/favorite, Winners announced via e-mail with Intranet posting (with pictures)
- National/World Pasta Day – Spaghetti Feed
- No Bra Day – Donate new undergarments
- Nuts vs. No Nuts
- Promote Inspirus CV offer and savvy savings talk
- Pumpkin Carving contest
- So Something Nice Day
- Taco Day – eat tacos
- Therapy Day – Visit from service dog and coins
- Volunteer; collect items (drive); fundraiser
- World Mental Health Day – Trophies/artwork/ribbons from surplus

November

11/1
- National Family Literacy Day/Author’s Day – book drive, vote for favorite book
- Cook for Your Pet Day – sell homemade dog treats –tie in to Summit Assistance Dogs and Giving Tuesday
- National Brush Day – hygiene product drive, possible related speaker

11/2
- Deviled Eggs Day – Tasting Contest – donate to fertility charity

11/4
- National Candy Day – pay for candy in jar; care packages of leftover Hallowe’en candy or candy drive; Penny War (Hershey Bar vs. Kit Kat); Bring your favorite candy; purchase someone’s w/donation

11/5
- National Doughnut Day (have a special themed doughnut – (Go Dawgs!)); sampling/voting; bake sale; door prize

11/6
- Nacho Day/Taco Tuesday = Nacho Bar
- Saxophone Day – Husky Band; School of Music fund drive

11/7
- National Dark Chocolate Almond Day – tasking bar
- National Stress Awareness – Mindfulness Meeting

11/8
- National STEM/STEAM Day – Coin Jar: STEM vs. STEAM; events in science/math, engineering; STEM-based toy drive
- National Cappuccino Day – invite Street Bean speaker – offer coffee
- National Harvey Wallbanger Day – invite substance abuse speaker

11/11
- Veteran’s Day – veteran’s charity speaker
- National Sundae Day – Sundae Bar – suggested donation and door prizes

11/12
- National Pizza Day with the Works (except Anchovies!); Pizza Party
11/13
- National Kindness Day (volunteer’s time worth $36/hour to charities); Craft a message on Object and Leave to Find
- World Kindness Day – positive actions encouraged; group mindfulness; yoga in prison speaker;
- National Stress Awareness Day – Bring in speaker

11/15
- Cereal Drive (National Raisin Bran Day)
- America Recycles Day – Recycle Drive
- National Philanthropy Day – volunteer; Give to the CFD! Bring a speaker to the office

11/16
- National Button Day – sell homemade buttons/make buttons for donation

11/19
- Carbonated/Caffeinated Drink Day – sell sodas, coffee, etc.
- National Play Monopoly Day – Charity Monopoly game: Make a board with different charities; $5 to play

11/20
- Universal Children’s Day – children’s clothing drive

11/21
- National Red Mitten Day/Clothing Drive – hats, scarves, etc.
- Tie One On Day – donate work-appropriate clothing to ROOTS YA Shelter

11/23
- National Buy Nothing Day – give everything...
- You’re Welcome Giving Day
- National Expresso Day – coffee event

11/26
- Cyber Monday – Donate On-line to charity; E-Campaign; Donate On-Line; Amazon Wish List
- National Day of Giving – Giving Tuesday – special one-time donation to a special charity; recognition opportunity
- Cake Day – Buy a piece of cake with donation; use cake mix

11/27
- Thanksgiving – National “Day of Giving” -- Food Bank; volunteer opportunity
- Thanksforgiving
- #GivingTuesday

11/28
- National French Toast Day – French Toast bake-off

11/29
- Electronic Greetings Day – send last CFD e-mail

11/30
- National Mason Jar Day (Fill ’em Up!); Coin Jar Drive/reminders/incentive(s)
- National Stay At Home Because You’re Well Day - Auction Off Tele-Commute
- Computer Security Day – IT Pop-up

Other Ideas
- Bittersweet chocolate with almonds: Wrap info around bars and give out
- Black Friday or Cyber Monday: Charities with wish lists on Amazon; Amazon Smiles; Create a Kick-Starter/Go fund
- BYOM – Bring Your Own Mug: Make/participate in making a mug cake and make a donation
- Candy Day: Guess how many candies in jar (prize for closest)
- Cappuccino Day Tasting?
- Doughnut Day – do doughnuts and coffee with speaker (suggestion donation)
- groups that support women with STEM
- National Homeless Youth Awareness Month – Have a charity speaker: Orion, Mary’s Place, etc.
- National Nacho Day – Nacho Bar
- National Philanthropy Day – Display in front office about charities
- Same for Sandwich Day
- STEAM Day – Partner with Arts Orgs; Partner with Innovation in developing countries
- Thanksgiving – Gratitude & Food options (everyone wants to give, give them an outlet; clothing drive, food drive, turkey drive, etc.) “In the spirit of giving”
- World Kindness Day – increase donation

December
12/1
- Cookie Day – bake off; benefit food bank
- Pie Day (π)
- Pie Potluck – homemade favorites – raffle off a whole pie, personally delivered!
- World Aids Day – Bring in a speaker; awareness and partner with UW – benefit Lifelong
- Best Red Apple Day – Feral apple collection to food banks
- Day Without Art Day – tour Jacob Lawrence Gallery (School of Art building); do an Art Walk; Re-sell stickers
- World Pie Day – Pie potluck; Pie Toss at senior leadership (via payroll deduction)
12/3
National “Roof Over Your Head Day” – Tie to a shelter or Habitat for Humanity; homeless awareness
12/4
- National Sock Day: Sock drive/sweater drive - There is a great need; “Sock-Ober”
- World Trick Shot Day: Make a donation to make a shot; prizes/hoop tied to Special Olympics
12/5
- Bathtub Day: Toiletries drive
12/7
- Pearl Harbor Day: Suggested donation for Veterans charities

Other ideas
- “Be a Giving NINJA”
- Bathtub Party Day: Giveaways: rubber duckies, basket of items
- Brown Shoe Day -- Shoe Drive
- National Sock and Cookie Day!
  - Wear your best/funniest/coziest socks “spirit"
  - Bring in a pair of socks to donate to a local homeless shelter
  - For each pair of socks you bring in, you get a cookie
  - Bake Sale cookies for sale, with suggestion donation of $1.00
  - Invite staff to bake/donate cookies for the event
  - Have a shelter representative from the community come in to speak about their program
  - Have a sock hop and sell beverages for donations
- Deviled Eggs Contest
- Eat-an-Apple Day – Purchase red apples
- Food Day – Bake Sale
- Holiday Party – Heritage/Culture theme – toy drive to benefit Mary’s Place and ROOTS
- Humane Society – Post names of pets/pics = memes
- Miner’s Day - briquette with nice saying on it with prizes
- National Bi-Focal Day – Donate glasses
- Dine-out - Percentage of proceeds from a restaurant/café/bar to benefit a charity
- Raffle food Items
- Sock Day – Drive to benefit ROOTS
- Work teams compete using a money jar. Each team has a jar to put money in, but pennies are negative. Objective is to put pennies into other teams’ jars to win.