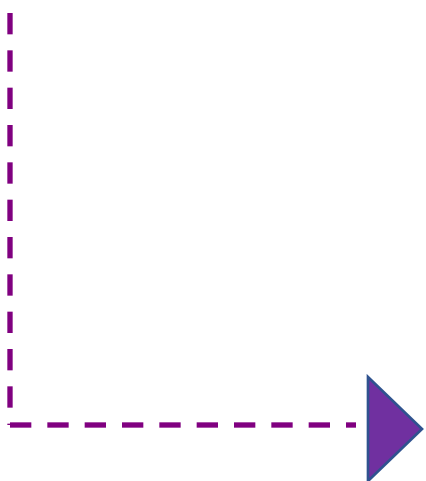




ePLEDGE TOOLKIT



Tips and tools for effectively using ePledge for
your United Way of Warren County campaign



United Way
of Warren County

United Way of Warren County ePledge

Simplify Your Workplace Campaign

United Way of Warren County's ePledge is an online giving and donor management tool that makes running a campaign faster, easier, more cost effective and efficient. By using the ePledge system, you can significantly reduce campaign related expenses, without diminishing your campaigns momentum and success.

Key features of ePledge are:

- ⇒ Fast, secure real time data
- ⇒ Customizable for your organization
- ⇒ Campaign reports available in spreadsheet or adobe format
- ⇒ Donors can update and manage their own personal information
- ⇒ Instantaneous recognition and receipt of gift made by donor

Benefits of ePledge:

- ⇒ User friendly (easy to track who has given and who has not given)
- ⇒ Environmentally friendly (no more paper pledge forms or envelopes)
- ⇒ Reduces administrative burdens to company
- ⇒ Increases accuracy of donor information by eliminating errors due to handwriting interpretation and keying mistakes
- ⇒ Increases confidentiality of donor information
- ⇒ Decreases employees' perception of coercion
- ⇒ Multiple reports available to summarize donor support
- ⇒ Social distancing – virtual campaign

Please provide the following items to United Way of Warren County at least **thirty (30) days prior to your kick-off:**

1. The start and end date of your campaign.
2. A complete list of all employees and their email addresses in an Excel spreadsheet or .CSV file. Everyone must have access to email and be required to check it on a regular basis.
3. Organizational approval for electronic communications from United Way of Warren County to be allowed through security settings.
4. Your company or organization logo in JPEG form (500 x 378 pixels)
5. Number of pay periods: For example, is it 12, 24, 26 or 52?
6. Name of ePledge Administrator and email address.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please call your United Way of Warren County staff person:
Tricia Huxsoll, 513-932-3987 or thuxsoll@uwwcoh.org

Email Message Templates



Sample Initial emails:

Example 1:

Our 2022 United Way of Warren County campaign is underway! [Click Here to Donate and give](#), if you choose, through easy payroll deduction where just a little out of your paycheck goes a long way toward helping people in need.

United Way of Warren County partners with area agencies to fund; programs helping Warren County residents. Along with initiatives that are centered around our goals of Basic Needs, Workforce Development, Childhood Literacy/School Readiness & Health & Wellness. For example, the School Readiness program will provide nearly 1,500 children, enrolled in a Warren County public preschool or Head Start program, with books and learning packets to take home over the summer the past three years. These are the types of things a successful campaign helps support.

Please donate today and help United Way of Warren County continue their efforts in our community.

Company e-Pledge Coordinator Name
Company Name

Example 2:

Dear Company Associates,

Today is the official kick off of our 2022 United Way of Warren County Campaign. The campaign will run through (DATE OF CHOICE).

United Way of Warren County focuses on basic needs, workforce development, childhood literacy/school readiness & Health & Wellness. These are the building blocks of strong communities. We invite you to be part of the change and help make a difference in the lives of thousands of people every year.

You can participate easily with our e-Pledge system. Just [Click Here to get started](#).

Thank you for your consideration.

Please Note: The link above provided is linked directly to you. Therefore, DO NOT FORWARD this email to anyone who needs the link as the pledge will be made in your name.

Example 3:

Welcome to e-Pledge, United Way of Warren County's easy, online donation site!

United Way of Warren County partners with nonprofit agencies and initiatives focusing on Basic Needs, Workforce Development, Childhood Literacy/School Readiness & Health and Wellness for Warren County residents. Those receiving funding include Lebanon Food Pantry, 4C for Children, SAFE on Main and Family Promise of Warren County, just to name a few. The "Stop Summer Slide" initiative provides currently enrolled preschool children with books and learning packets to take home over the summer break. This continuing program of United Way has provided summer materials for nearly 1,500 preschoolers throughout the county.

With your choice to LIVE UNITED, we can continue to provide services to our local community members. Thank you for your continued support.

The link below will take you to your personalized donation page. This link is customized to you. Please DO NOT forward this email to anyone else.

Please respond even if you do not wish to donate to prevent future emails

CLICK HERE TO DONATE NOW!

If you have questions regarding your campaign or payroll pledge contact Company e-Pledge Coordinator at PHONE NUMBER or EMAIL

If you are having technical issues with this email or the pledge process, please contact Tricia Huxsoll 513-932-3987 or by email at thuxsoll@uwwcoh.org.

Sample 2nd emails:

Example 1:

Good Afternoon Company Employees,

This is just a friendly reminder that our 2022 United Way campaign is well underway. If you have not had a chance to make your donation yet, please click on the link below and do so at your earliest convenience. Warren County is a better place when we all LIVE UNITED!

The link below will take you to your personalized donation page. This link is customized to you. Please DO NOT forward this email to anyone else.

CLICK HERE TO DONATE!

If you do not wish to donate, please enter site and choose; "I do not wish to donate" to prevent future emails

Example 2:

Our 2021 United Way of Warren County Campaign is well on its way! Last year our (COMPANY) campaign improved by (INSERT #)% and our participation rate improved by (INSERT #)%. Let's keep that momentum rolling! [CLICK HERE to participate](#). United Way of Warren County funds non-profit programs helping Warren County residents. For example, their "Stop Summer Slide" initiative provided every child enrolled in a Warren County preschool with books and learning packets to take home over the summer the past three years, and they've done the same for the over 1,000 preschoolers in every other district in the county. These are the types of things a successful campaign helps support. It will only take a few minutes to give! Just a few dollars per pay goes a long way! [CLICK HERE](#) to get started. Thank you!

Please Note: The link above is provided for your convenience in pledging--and linked to your name and user ID; therefore, DO NOT FORWARD this email to anyone who needs the link as the pledge will be made in your name.

Example 3:

Dear Company Associates,

We are going strong with our 2022 United Way of Warren County campaign and we are off to a great start. The campaign will run through (INSERT DATE).

United Way of Warren County Partner Agencies focus on Basic Needs, Workforce Development, Childhood Literacy/School Readiness and Health & Wellness. We invite you to be part of the change and help make a difference in the lives of thousands of people.

You can participate easily with our e-Pledge system. [CLICK HERE](#) to get started.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sample 3rd/Final email:

Example 1:

Good Morning!

This is a final reminder that our 2022 United Way of Warren County campaign ends today! It's not too late to make your pledge!

It only takes a few minutes to give through easy payroll deduction. Just a few dollars per pay goes a long way! [CLICK HERE](#) to get started.

Example 2:

Dear Company Staff,

The 2022 United Way of Warren County campaign officially closes at the end of the day on (INSERT DATE). Don't miss your chance!

[CLICK HERE](#) to get started.

Thank you for your consideration.

United Way of Warren County

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Example 3:

It's the final week of our 2022 United Way of Warren County campaign! Last year our (INSERT SCHOOL DISTRICT) campaign improved by (INSERT #) % and our participation rate improved by (INSERT #) % to (INSERT #) donors. Let's keep that momentum rolling! [CLICK HERE](#) to participate. United Way of Warren County funds non-profit programs helping Warren County residents. For example, their "Stop Summer Slide" initiative provided every child enrolled in our district preschool with books and learning packets to take home over the summer the past three years, and they've done the same for the over 1,000 preschoolers in every other district in the county. These are the types of things a successful campaign helps support. It will only take a few minutes to give through easy payroll deduction. Just a few dollars per pay goes a long way. [CLICK HERE](#) to get started. Thank you!

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Frequently Asked Questions



IS ePLEDGE SECURE?

Using the employee list provided to United Way of Warren County, a unique user ID and embedded password is created specifically for each employee and sent in an email directly to the employee.

WHAT IF WE HAVE EMPLOYEES WHO DON'T HAVE EMAIL ADDRESSES?

We suggest you offer both ePledge and traditional paper pledge forms to employees. United Way of Warren County will enter the paper pledge forms into your ePledge campaign. Ask your United Way of Warren County Campaign Account Manager for a report envelope. Enclose your pledge forms and complete the front of the envelope. Contact your UWWC Campaign Account Manager at 513-932-3987 to pick it up.

IS THERE A MINIMUM NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES REQUIRED TO USE ePLEDGE?

No. We can accommodate your company no matter how big or small.

DOES ePLEDGE REQUIRE A MINIMUM GIFT?

A minimum gift amount can be determined by the company based on pledge type. ePledge has a default payroll amount of \$1.00 per pay period. Pledge type by credit card has a default of \$25.00.

ARE THERE FEES FOR USING ePLEDGE?

No. The service is provided to you free of charge by United Way of Warren County. UWWC has invested in this campaign technology to upgrade the donor experience, to meet the expectations of donors, and adapt to the fast-paced work environment.

WHAT IF SOMEONE LOSES OR DELETES THEIR LINK?

Someone who loses or deletes their link or has difficulty signing on should contact the United Way of Warren County ePledge administrator, at 513-932-3987 or thuxsoll@uwwcoh.org for immediate assistance.

WHAT IF AN EMPLOYEE WANTS TO CHANGE THEIR PLEDGE?

Ask them to contact the United Way of Warren County ePledge administrator, at 513-932-3987 or thuxsoll@uwwcoh.org.

CAN I ENTER SPECIAL EVENTS OR CORPORATE GIFTS IN ePLEDGE?

No. ePledge is a portal for employee donations only. Instead, put these gifts, including any paper pledge forms, in a traditional report envelope. Call your United Way of Warren County Campaign Account Manager at 513-932-3987 to get a report envelope. Complete the front of the envelope and contact your Campaign Account Manager when it's ready to be picked up.

WHEN DO I GET MY PAYROLL FILE?

When the company campaign is complete, contact the United Way of Warren County ePledge administrator, at 513-932-3987 or thuxsoll@uwwcoh.org, to turn off your ePledge campaign. At that time, the UWWC ePledge Administrator can run the transaction report listing only payroll pledges for your payroll department.

THIS IS OUR FIRST YEAR TO USE ePLEDGE. WHAT ARE THE BEST WAYS TO PROMOTE THIS CHANGE TO OUR EMPLOYEES?

It is important that you inform your employees that you are using ePledge. Take time at your employee campaign meetings to highlight the ePledge giving portal and explain what they can expect and how to use it.

HAVE A QUESTION THAT YOU DON'T SEE HERE?

Contact your United Way of Warren County Campaign Account Manager at 513-932-3987.



Suggested Timeline



The length of your campaign and the ePledge options chosen may require an adjusted timeline.

KEY CAMPAIGN DATES

Campaign Kickoff Date: _____ Campaign End Date: _____

TIMELINE

STEP	TIMELINE	YOUR TARGET DATE
Complete your ePledge form	6 weeks before campaign kickoff	
Submit your employee and company data	6 weeks before campaign kickoff	
Review proof of ePledge site and submit any needed changes	5 weeks before campaign kickoff	
Submit customized messages	4 weeks before campaign kickoff	
Review final proof of ePledge site	4 weeks before campaign kickoff	
Test ePledge site	4 weeks before campaign kickoff	
Submit data for any new employees	1 week before campaign kickoff	
Kickoff your campaign!		
<i>Below is a suggested timeline for sending emails. You may decide if these emails are sent, when they are sent and how many are sent. Reminder emails are only sent to non-respondents.</i>		
Send announcement email with link to portal	Day of kickoff	
Send first reminder email	3-4 days after kickoff	
Send second reminder email	3 days before the end of your campaign	
Send final reminder email	Day of end of your campaign	
Finalize your campaign	Contact the United Way ePledge administrator and request to turn off your ePledge campaign	

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