

Event Planning Guide and Checklist

Planning Guide

Name of Event (What?)	
Date of Event (When?)	
Time of Event	
Location of Event (Where?)	
Event Coordinator/Contact Person	
Target Audience (Who?)	
 > Who is this event targeted at? > What does this audience need to know? > What will hold their interest? 	
Message (What?)	
 What do you want to say to the target audience? What do you want them to know/do? 	
Objectives (Why?)	
 Be clear about what you hope to achieve Short term Long term (ex: will this be your signature event?) 	

Planning Checklist

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Investment/Direct Cost	
 Ticket Printing Marketing/PR (making a video/hiring a spokesperson) Refreshments cost AV requirements Decorations Signage 	
Marketing/PR	
 Invitations from executive Posters Social media Intranet 	
Signage During Event	
 Directional Company Banners United Way Pull Up Banners 	
Invitations	
 List generated Invitations sent RSVP- who is managing? Nametags? 	
Catering	
 > What will be served? ✓ Food ✓ Beverages > Cost per head 	
Staffing	
VolunteersEvent organizers	
Event Day Considerations	
 Set-up/Tear-down Registration United Way presence/speaker 	