University employees helped raise thousands of dollars during this year's UA Cares campaign, enjoying chorizo, burritos, chili, trick-or-treating and more in the process.

UA Cares, which began Oct. 8 and ran through Nov. 22, is the University's annual employee giving campaign, raising money for University programs through the University of Arizona Foundation and community organizations through United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona.

Check out scenes from several of the 2019 UA Cares events in this photo gallery.

This year saw the return of the Office of Budget and Planning's 20th annual chorizo breakfast and raffle. The Oct. 25 event raised money for More Than A Bed, a local organization that provides foster, kinship and adoptive families with clothing, beds and other household items. Office staff worked days ahead of the popular event to prepare chorizo, eggs, beans, salsa, tortillas and orange juice. Raffle prizes included a $50 gift card to Lodge on the Desert, a one-night stay at The Westin La Paloma Resort & Sp and four passes to the Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures.

The breakfast, held in the basement of the Administration building, raised more than $1,900.

Another breakfast on Oct. 29, organized by staff in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, featured breakfast burritos and a turkey raffle. The event raised $571 for the department's study abroad scholarships.

The Office of the Provost held its annual pumpkin crafting contest, calling on participants to enter sparkly, gaudy pumpkins decorated to reflect the theme of "bejeweled bounties." Participants made donations to enter their pumpkins, which were displayed on Halloween. Attendees were invited to make a donation and vote for their favorite pumpkins. The event raised about $250 for United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona. First place went to a sparkling gold pumpkin, decorated by staff in Business Affairs. The pumpkin, themed after the children's film "Moana," incorporated a song from the movie that played at the push of a button.

Also on Halloween, the Financial Services Office held its annual costume contest and raffle in the University Services Building courtyard. The event raised more than $2,100, evenly split between Youth On Their Own, a local dropout prevention organization, and the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona.

The Department of Mathematics celebrated Halloween by decking out the first floor of the Mathematics building with decorations inspired by "Toy Story."
Parents were invited to bring their children to trick or treat, play games and eat pizza. The event raised more than $1,000 for Angel Charity for Children Inc., which aims to improve the quality of life for children in Southern Arizona.

Attendees flocked to the University Services Building on Nov. 15 for a chili cookoff presented by Sponsored Projects and Contracting Services in the Office of Research, Innovation and Impact. Around a dozen entrants competed for bragging rights, a "golden" spoon and the opportunity to choose the charity that would receive half of the proceeds. More than $400 was evenly split between the Campus Pantry and the Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse, the charity of choice for winner Jeni Dukes, manager of sponsored projects and services, who made white chicken chili.

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