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Ways for Clinics to Participate

You can make a difference and be a part of a very exciting and fun time. Here are a variety of ways that your clinic can participate in helping VEDA raise awareness and funds.

<u>Raise awareness and money online</u> - Create a clinic fundraising page and ask your employees, vendors, partners, patients, etc. to support the campaign. Here are some easy steps to follow:

- 1. Customize your fundraising page with a personal story about the clinic and its' involvement with VEDA and vestibular disorders. Let people know why this is important to your organization. You can even add a photograph to your page.
- 2. Set your goal. Be ambitious but also realistic.
- 3. Divide your goal by 10 or 15. This makes it easy to ask nearly anyone to donate \$10 or \$15 to you.
- 4. Write down a list of contacts that you can approach. Your list will grow quickly. Think of:
 - a. 5 employees
 - b. 5 business partners
 - c. 5 neighboring businesses
 - d. 5 vendors
- 5. Use the templates on www.vestibular.org/baw to reach out to your contacts via email, letters, Facebook, etc.
- 6. For convenience, your supporters can donate online directly to your page.
- 7. Double your money Many companies having "matching gift" programs. If yours does, you can make a contribution to VEDA and have your company match it.
- 8. Once you hit your goal, raise it and keep going!
- 9. Be sure to thank those who supported you after Balance Awareness Week.

Other fundraising ideas:

- Bake sale
- Jeans day (employees pay \$5 to wear jeans for a day)
- Donation jar
- Department contest
- Raffle

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Other ways to fundraise and spread awareness

- Host a free balance testing clinic
- Host a brown bag lecture luncheon during Balance Awareness Week
- Include a message about Balance Awareness Week in your newsletter
- Hang posters throughout your office
- Add Balance Awareness Week in your email signature
- Include Balance Awareness Week in an advertisement
- Post announcements about Balance Awareness Week on your Facebook page
- Tweet about Balance Awareness Week prior to and during the campaign
- Post a banner ad (provided by VEDA) on your web site include a link to our web site
- Distribute "Fact Sheets" (provided by VEDA) to your patients
- Encourage your local media connections to run a PSA