A-Z Fundraising Ideas

A
Auction – Rally support from local businesses by soliciting donated items for an exciting auction event.
Art Sale – Showcase creativity by hosting an art sale featuring your own or donated artwork.

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Babysit – Offer parents a night off by providing babysitting services in exchange for donations to your cause.
Bake Sale – Tempt taste buds with delectable treats at a bake sale during community events or yard sales.
Bingo – Bring the community together for a fun-filled bingo night with entry fees supporting your fundraiser. Solicit local businesses for prize donations.
Birthday Donations – Encourage friends and family to forgo traditional gifts for your birthday and donate to your cause instead.
Bowl-a-Thon – Secure lanes at a local bowling alley for a fundraising bowl-a-thon, charging participants a fee.
Bake-Off – Spice up gatherings with a bake-off where participants either pay an entry fee or guests vote for their favorite dish by donating.

BBQ-Off – Host a sizzling BBQ competition where participants vie for the title of best dish. Guests can vote with donations, with the winner claiming bragging rights or a quirky trophy.
Battle of the Bands – Amp up the energy with a dynamic battle of local bands, where attendance fees go directly towards your fundraising efforts.

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Car Wash – Roll up sleeves and wash cars in the neighborhood, accepting donations in exchange for sparkling vehicles.
Coin Collection Jar – Partner with local businesses to place coin collection jars at registers, decorated blue with information about ZERO to encourage donations.
Carol for a Cure – Spread holiday cheer by caroling through neighborhoods and collecting donations to support your cause.
Car Window Paint – Advertise your fundraiser on the go by decorating car windows with washable markers to attract attention.
Concession Stands – At many sports arenas/stadiums, you can volunteer at a concession stand. In return, a portion of
the proceeds from the night’s sales will be contributed to your fundraiser.

D
Dress Down Day – Everyone who wants to participate donates a small fee for dressing casually at work or school. Denim Day – Similar to Dress Down Day, but specifically focused on wearing denim to raise awareness for a cause. Dunking Booth – Set up a dunk tank and charge participants to try to dunk volunteers into the water. Dog Walker – Offer dog walking services for donations to your fundraiser. Door-to-Door – Go door-to-door to solicit donations to support your fundraiser.

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Email – Send out email appeals asking for donations. Easter Egg Hunt – Organize an egg hunt with entry fees or donations benefiting the fundraiser. Ask local grocery stores to donate candy or gift cards to buy candy for the eggs.

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Face Painting – Have a face painting booth/table for donations at local events, parades, or festivals. Fast Food Restaurant Benefit Night – Partner with a fast-food restaurant for a fundraising night where a percentage of sales goes towards your cause

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Game Night – Host a game night event with entry fees or donations for the fundraiser. Golf Tournament – Work with a local golf course to organize a golf tournament with entry fees, sponsorships, and prizes to raise funds. Give Up Something You Love – Pledge to give up something you love for a certain period in exchange for donations to the fundraiser.

H
Hat Day – Participants pay a fee to wear a hat for the day at school or work. Hole-In-One Competition – Organize a golf competition where participants attempt to hit a hole-in-one for a prize.

(Chipotle, Panda Express, Chick-fil-A, and Panera Bread all host fundraising nights).
Fifty/Fifty Drawing – Sell raffle tickets with the prize being half of the total ticket sales.
Field Day – Field day isn’t just for kids! Host a day of outdoor games and activities with friends and family. Set an entry fee or ask for donations going towards the fundraiser.
Fishing Tournament – Organize a competition with entry fees and prizes, with proceeds supporting the cause. Flower Sale – Sell flowers/seeds as a fundraiser through pre-orders or at a physical location. Ask local flower shops to donate the flowers or seeds.
Haunted House – Halloween coming up? Create a haunted house attraction and charge admission fees.
Holiday Cards – Design and sell holiday cards as a fundraiser.
House Sitting – Offer house sitting services for donations.

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Ice Cream Social – Host an ice cream social event with proceeds for the cause. See if a local creamery or grocery store will donate the supplies.
Instagram Fundraiser – Use Instagram to promote and collect donations for the fundraiser.
International Food Party – Host a party featuring dishes from around the world, with proceeds supporting the cause.

J
Jewelry Sales – Sell jewelry as a fundraiser through a physical event or online (Etsy is a great online option).

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Karaoke for a Cure – Organize an event where participants pay to sing, with proceeds benefiting the cause.
Kick-Ball Tournament – Host a kickball tournament with entry fees per team and prizes.

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Letters – Send out fundraising letters or appeals to potential donors.

M
Matching Gifts – Encourage donors to see if their company will match their contributions.
Movie Night – Host a movie night fundraiser with ticket sales or concessions benefiting the cause.
Murder Mystery Party – Host a murder mystery party with a door fee supporting the fundraiser.
Mardi-Gras Party – Organize a Mardi-Gras-themed party with door fees or suggested donations.
Motorcycle Ride – Organize a motorcycle ride event with a participation fee.

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Negative Nelly Jar – Co-workers or family members contribute to a jar whenever they comment negatively, with proceeds going towards the cause.

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Olympics in Your Backyard – Organize backyard Olympics with friends and family. Ask for donations throughout the day of fun.
Odd Jobs – Offer to do odd jobs or tasks for neighbors in return for a donation.

Pancake Breakfast – Host a pancake breakfast event with ticket sales.
Pub Crawl – Organize a pub crawl event with participants paying a participation fee, with proceeds going towards the fundraiser. You can even make t-shirts for the event to draw more attention while you’re crawling!

Poker Game – Host a poker tournament with entry fees and prizes.
Payroll Deduction – See if your company will allow employees to donate to the fundraiser through payroll deductions.

Pizza Party – Host a pizza party event with ticket sales or donations.
Pickleball Tournament – Organize a pickleball tournament with team entry fees and prizes.

Paint and Sip – Host a painting event where participants paint and enjoy drinks, with proceeds benefiting the cause.

Quarters for a Cure – Collect quarters in donation jars at your work or local businesses.
Quilts – Are you a talented quilter? Create and sell quilts as a fundraiser.

Raffles – Hold raffles with donated prizes and ticket sales supporting the fundraiser.
Recycle Drive – Organize a drive to collect recyclable items (cans/bottles) and donate the money you receive from recycling them.
Run – Organize a morning run meet-up with a participation fee of around $5 to support the cause.
Restaurant Benefit Night – Partner with a restaurant for a fundraising night where a percentage of sales goes towards the cause.

Shave Your Head – Pledge to shave your head if you reach a specific fundraising goal by a certain date.
Spaghetti Dinner – Host a spaghetti dinner event with ticket sales or donations.

Student vs. Faculty Game – Work at a school? Organize a sports game between students and faculty with entry fees.

Swear Jar – Coworkers or family members contribute to a jar every time they swear, with proceeds going towards the cause.

Soccer Tournament – Organize a soccer tournament with entry fees and prizes.
Softball Tournament – Host a softball tournament with entry fees and prizes.
Scavenger Hunt – Organize an event with entry fees or suggested donations.
Sign Your Shirt – People who donate get to sign your ZERO shirt.

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T-Shirts – Design and sell t-shirts as a fundraiser (check out zero.bonfire.com).
Tennis Tournament – Organize a tennis tournament with entry fees and prizes.
10-for-10 – Ask supporters to donate $10 each and challenge them to get 10 others to do the same.
Trivia Night – Host a trivia night event with team entry fees or suggested donations.

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Ugly Sweater Party – Hold an ugly sweater party event with ticket sales or donations.
Unwanted Gifts Sale – Collect unwanted gifts from friends, family, and neighbors and sell them. Proceeds are donated to your fundraiser.
Used-Book Sale – Collect and sell used books. Proceeds are donated to your fundraiser.

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Volleyball Tournament – Organize a volleyball tournament with entry fees and prizes.
Valentine’s Day Pledge – Ask supporters to pledge or donate to honor Valentine’s Day.

**W**

Videogame Tournament – Organize a video game tournament with entry fees and prizes.
Wrapping Booth – Holidays coming up? Offer gift-wrapping services for donations to the fundraiser.
Wine and Cheese Tasting – Host a wine and cheese tasting event. Ask local wineries to donate the supplies or see if they’ll host the event and donate a portion of the proceeds.

**X**

X-Marks-the-Spot – Organize a treasure hunt event with entry fees or donations.

**Y**

Yard Sale – Host a yard sale event with proceeds going towards the cause.
YouTube Video – Create a YouTube video to promote your fundraising.
Yoga Class – Ask your local studio to host a special yoga class, with a portion of the proceeds going to your fundraiser.

**Z**

Zumba Class – Ask your local studio to host a special Zumba dance class, with a portion of the proceeds going to your fundraiser.