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It starts with you and your hair. Whether it's on your head or your face, join us this November to grow it out, dye it blue, or rock blue accessories all month long. Rally your friends, family, and community to join the fight to ZERO Out Prostate Cancer. In this toolkit, we'll lay out the most effective social media tips and tricks for individual fundraisers, first responders, and corporate teams.

**Grow & Give** is a nationwide fundraising and awareness campaign to zero out prostate cancer by growing facial hair or rocking a boldly blue style. There are over 3.1 million Americans living with prostate cancer. ZERO Prostate Cancer's Grow & Give campaign helps provide financial and emotional support to patients and their families. It also secures life-saving research and raises awareness about this prominent disease.



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**MESSAGING:** GROW & GIVE is all about making things personal, but we're starting with the stats! Below are some of the most important facts and figures relating to prostate cancer. As you spread the word, incorporate some of this information. If you have a personal experience, tie that into your messaging.

When you fundraise for ZERO's Grow & Give campaign, you're supporting the prostate cancer community in many ways. Be sure to let potential donors know the impact they're making.

**SAMPLE MESSAGING #1:** Did you know there are more than 3.1 million Americans living with #prostatecancer? My [DAD, HUSBAND, FRIEND, LOVED ONE] is one of them, which is why I'm teaming up with @ZEROProstateCancer for #GrowAndGive this November. Follow my journey as I [GROW MY HAIR OUT, ROCK A BOLDLY BLUE STYLE] and support my efforts by donating to my personal fundraising page at [LINK]. #ZEROProstateCancer

**SAMPLE MESSAGING** #2: 1-in-8 American men will be diagnosed with #prostatecancer, and they need help now more than ever. All November long, I'll be fundraising for @ZEROProstateCancer's #GrowAndGive campaign. You can support me as a I raise awareness about this disease by making a gift to my personal fundraising page at [LINK]. #ZEROProstateCancer

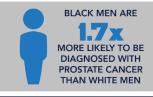
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## THE HAIRY TRUTH OF PROSTATE CANCER









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# YOUR GROW & GIVE PARTICIPATION SUPPORTS:



# PATIENT SUPPORT

ZERO's patient-centric programs directly help patients and their families financially and emotionally and provide education and access to free testing.



### RESEARCH

ZERO helps secure and protect the largest amount of federal dollars dedicated to prostate cancer research.



### **AWARENESS**

ZERO helps men and families understand their risk with a nationwide Run/Walk series and by elevating the voices of those impacted by prostate cancer.

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TOP TIPS: TELL YOUR STORY. Whether prostate cancer has touched your life personally, someone you know, or whatever the reason, our supporters want to know why this cause is important to you. Let them know why you're participating in GROW & GIVE.





INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISERS: You don't need a team to participate! Individual fundraisers are critical to raising awareness and funds for prostate cancer during November for GROW & GIVE.





Day 15 and the #mustache keeps growing...
Please join me and #GrowAndGive too in
support of @ZEROCancer and men living with
#ProstateCancer



**197** 

46 comments 4 shares

Use a photo with your posts, and remember to update your followers each week with your hair growth or awareness efforts and your fundraising totals.

putting down the razor this November and getting scruffy. Wondering why? Good, that means it's working. It's to raise awareness about #prostatecancer and the impact it's having on millions of men and their families. Through @ZEROProstateCancer's #GrowAndGive campaign, I'm fundraising to help support for those in need. Make a gift to my personal page today at [LINK]. #ZEROProstateCancer

would I look with blue hair? You can find out! This November, I'm joining @ZEROProstateCancer's #GrowAndGive campaign to raise money for #prostatecancer patients and their families. Help me reach my fundraising goal of [\$AMOUNT] and I'll dye my hair blue. Check out my fundraising page to donate at [LINK]. #ZEROProstateCancer



FIRST RESPONDERS: THIS NOVEMBER, be part of the first line of defense for prostate cancer patients and their families when you participate in GROW & GIVE. This month-long campaign combines friendly competition and supporting your local community. Our police officers, firefighters, and emergency crews are some of our most vibrant fundraisers on social media.





Take group photos or photos with your community as you spread awareness and get them involved.

**SAMPLE MESSAGING #1:** Did you know there are thousands of #prostatecancer patients and survivors in our own community who need financial and emotional support with their diagnosis? That's why the men and women of [UNIT] are showing off blue colors or ditching our razors this November. We're part of the #GrowAndGive campaign for @ZEROProstateCancer and have pledged to raise funds that will support those impacted by prostate cancer. Help us make a difference by donating to our fundraising page at [LINK]. #ZEROProstateCancer

SAMPLE MESSAGING #2: We are proud to represent our community for the #GrowAndGive campaign by @ZEROProstateCancer this November. Together, [UNIT] is working to spread awareness about #prostatecancer—which takes someone's life every 15 minutes. Whether you see us growing out our hair or adding a blue flair to our uniforms, it's to remind us of those in our community impacted by this disease and need our support. With your help, we can make a difference by meeting our fundraising goal. Donate today at [LINK]. #ZEROProstateCancer



**CORPORATE:** GROW & GIVE provides your business or organization with an important cause to get behind while engaging colleagues in a friendly competition. 1-in-8 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer, making this a cause that will hit home with many of your employees.





ZERO - The End of Prostate Cancer's annual #growandgive fundraiser is back which can only mean one thing...so is the Pick Paul's Beard Contest!

The rules are simple – donate to my fundraising page before October 30th and you'll have the chance to choose my beard style before I start fresh on November 1st.

Help me and the team Boston Scientific Urology and Pelvic Health raise funds for ZERO so we can #endprostatecancer!



**(1)** 4

4 comments 2 shares 965 views

Use a representative with a personal story or group photo of your organization and update your followers every week with your progress and fundraising totals.

SAMPLE MESSAGING #1: Things are getting bearded, blue, and beautiful at [ORGANIZATION] this November. Some of us are growing out facial hair and some are adding blue to their daily style, but we're ALL doing it for @ZEROProstateCancer's #GrowAndGive campaign. With 1-in-8 men diagnosed with #prostatecancer, this disease touches all of us in some way. Learn more about ZERO and our fundraising efforts at [LINK]. #ZEROProstateCancer

SAMPLE MESSAGING #2: The employees of [ORGANIZATION] are growing out our hair and adding blue to our styles this November for @ZEROProstateCancer's #GrowAndGive campaign, which brings awareness to #prostatecancer. Help us reach our fundraising goal—which supports patients and families—by donating at [LINK]. #ZEROProstateCancer



**GET GROWING:** YOU NOW HAVE THE TOOLS to rock your Grow & Give social media campaign. If you need some last-minute guidance on how you'll be growing and giving here are some ideas:

- GROW A MUSTACHE OR BEARD.
  - Feel free to shave patterns or grow different facial hair designs like handlebar mustaches or Grizzly Adams' beards.
- STREAK YOUR HAIR (OR FACIAL HAIR) BLUE.
   You can use temporary dyes, chalks, and sprays.
- GLITTER THAT BEARD OR HAIRSTYLE! It's all the rage on YouTube.
- WEAR BLUE

Go all out or accessorize for a week while you fundraise.

• MAKE BLUE CUPCAKES OR TREATS.

Share them with friends, family and coworkers and use it as an opportunity to raise awareness about your campaign.

BE CREATIVE.

We're not picky with how you decide to Grow & Give.





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FOLLOW @ZEROPROSTATECANCER ON SOCIAL. TAG US AND SHARE OUR POSTS!









**USE THE HASHTAGS #GROWANDGIVE AND #ZEROPROSTATECANCER** 

# **QUESTIONS? CONCERNS? IDEAS?**

Contact us at <u>beards@zerocancer.org</u>.



