



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.

B

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.

C

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.

E

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.

F

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

(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.

G

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.

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.

I

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).

K

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.

L

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

Lawn Service – Offer lawn care services for donations.

Living Memorials – Create living memorials such as trees or gardens in honor of loved ones, with donations supporting the cause.

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.

N

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

O

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.

P

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.

Q

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.

R

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.

S

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.

T

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.

U

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.

V

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.

Videogame Tournament – Organize a video game tournament with entry fees and prizes.

W

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.