

CREATIVE IDEAS FOR FUNDRAISING

Keep it casual

Organize a 'casual day' where employees have to donate two dollars for the privilege of wearing a hat or jeans.

Bid the most original tie

Ask coworkers to bring in their most original ties and bid them off in an auction

Make it a challenge

Arrange an interdepartmental fundraising challenge.

FUNDRAISING AT WORK

Make it monthly

Start a monthly giving campaign.

Have a bake sale at lunchtime

Sell your services

Lend your services to coworkers in exchange for donations.

Match it

Seek the support of your organization to match employee donations.

Make them laugh!

Tell jokes for donations

Sell tickets for a 50/50 draw

Winner takes half of the lot!

Rent-a-Manager

Associates make donations based on jobs they would like their manager to perform for one hour.

Jail your boss!

Arrange for the boss to be 'jailed' in a highly public area when a target amount of money is raised.

FUNDRAISING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Sell flowers

Sell donated flowers or flowers you grow

Organize tag days

Stand outside a shopping mall or grocery store with collection tins for a day.

Organize a comedy show or improvisation night

Organize local artists to auction paintings

Do yard work in exchange for donations

Organize a neighborhood garage sale

Cut or shave hair for charity

Have someone cut or shave their hair if a minimum amount of money is raised

Create cards for and hold a catastrophe trivia contest

Set up Charitable Sports Events

Ask for time to be donated at a local pool or ice rink and have regular patrons enter by donation.

Have a Fair Trade coffee sale

Setup a table outside your school or community center and sell fair trade coffee all the while raising awareness.

Host a recyclable bottle and can drive

Exchange them for money at the grocery store

Organize a flash mob or street performance

Raise awareness and collect donations before and after the performance.

Have a "dog day"

Have a dog wash or take a dog for a walk for donations

Organize a pub night

Organize for a local band to play and take donations at the door

Advertise yourself

Display or volunteer to wear local businesses advertisement in exchange for donations.

Auction off goods and services

Ask local businesses to donate goods and services and auction them off

Speak up

Arrange for a guest speaker and charge admission or ask that their honorarium be donated.

Go classic

Organize a school dance or carwash

Host a disaster preparedness class

Charge a fee for a class taught by an expert from a local police or fire

Have a movie night

Door prizes and refreshments could be offered in exchange for donations.

Organize a benefit gala

Coordinate a benefit concert or invite a speaker to an event and charge admission.

Host a golf tournament

Contact your local golf course to organize a golf tournament. Invite colleagues, partners and members of your community to participate.

Organize a community barbecue

Hold a fashion show or talent show

Offer your face painting services at local festivities

Book Group

Organize a regular book group in your community. You can either charge a membership fee or ask for a donation.

Be a tutor

Offer your services to help kids in your community with their homework in exchange for donations.

Have a theme night

Pick a country as a theme and serve traditional food with coordinated music. Have a trivia to test the guests knowledge.

Host a board game tournament or marathon

Players pay a fee to enter

Hold a Bridge, Poker or other card game tournament

Sell spots in the tournament and prepare a trophy for the winner

Get creative

Hold an art auction, sell custom t-shirts, make and sell greeting cards or calendars.

Collect spare change

Photo contest

Establish a theme and post photos at your local community center. The winner can be determined by the number of donations obtained.

Offer Christmas wrapping services at shopping centers

Have a karaoke night

Charge admission and tickets to perform

Cook something up!

Host gourmet dinner or steak night and charge admission.

FUNDRAISING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Put together a cookbook of recipes

Ask that your family and friends contribute their own recipe then sell said cookbook at garage sells or local events.

Special Occasions

Have friends and family make a donation in lieu of wedding gifts or birthdays.

Get sporty

Get a group of friends and family members to participate in a triathlon, run, walk or other adventure event where individuals sponsor you for your efforts.

Ebay Auction

Auction some of your hidden gems on Ebay and donate the profits.

Foreign Movie Night

Host a foreign movie night at your house and charge your friends admission.

Hold a murder mystery dinner

Collect donations for admission.

Organize creative workshops

Facilitate fun workshops for the creation of jewelry, for example.

Mobilize your friends

Use Facebook and Twitter to get donations and raise awareness.