

# CREATIVE FUNDRAISING IDEAS

## FROM A to Z

### A

**Auctions:** Hold a live or silent auction for various items. BE CREATIVE! For example, a prime parking space at work, a half or whole day off from work, team members to work a day for someone, a picnic lunch prepared by your team members, OR other items such as collectibles or sports memorabilia.

**Ask:** Family, friends, neighbors, Business contacts, employer, employees, co-workers, Local businesses such as your banker, insurance agent, barber/hairdresser, mail carrier, jeweler, doctor, dentist, etc. Try civic clubs like the VFW, American Legions, Lions, Jaycees, Elk Lodges, Kiwanis. Find names from your Christmas card list.

### B

**Babysitter Service:** Give parents a rest and baby-sit their children for a donation.

**Bake Sale:** Bake lots of homemade goodies and sell them at work or at a busy place

**Block Party:** Organize a neighborhood block party. Sell food and drinks and charge admission.

**Boss For A Day:** This one is fun! Allow people to bid on being boss for the day. High bid wins!

**Brown Bag Lunch Week:** Encourage employees to bring in their own lunches for a week and donate the money they would have spent to the team.

### C

**Carwashes:** People always need a good carwash. This is a great fundraiser for anyone.

**Challenges:** Challenge someone to raise more money than you.

**Coin Drive:** (Great for students) Place a large jar in the cafeteria and ask students and staff contribute their leftover change from lunch. VARIATION: Penny Wars: Drop change in jars to compete against other departments, classes, bank branches. Pennies are worth positive points; silver coins and cash are worth negative points. "Sabotage" the other jars by dropping silver or dollars in them.

**Coin Toss:** Get permission from the local mall to collect all coins tossed in the fountain for a designated time period. Be sure to have signs stating that the coins will be donated to the Black Woods Blizzard Tour.

**Challenge by the Boss:** Get your boss to agree that if all team members raise a minimum \$100, that he will kiss a pig, get a pie in the face, etc.

**Craft Fairs:** Great for year-round fundraising. Set up a booth at a local festival and sell crafts.

**Concession Stands:** Get permission to sell concessions at a local sporting event or community event.

## D

**Dog Walkers:** Walk the neighbors' dogs for a donation or dog sit while pet owners are on vacation.

**Donut Days:** Get donuts donated from a local bakery and sell at work or school.

**Dress Down Days:** Have employees pay to dress down at work. This can also work with schools that require uniforms (with permission).

## E

**E-mail:** Send E-mails to your friends, family and co-workers asking them for donations.

**Errand Service:** For a donation, run errands for those who don't have time to do their own.

## F

**Fish Fry:** Hold a fish fry at your church or community center and charge per plate.

**Flower Sales:** Work with local florist or wholesaler to sell bouquets, potted flowers, or individual stems at a school or place of work. Try this around special holidays.

## G

**Game Night:** Invite friends to your house to play board games, charades, etc. Sell tickets.

**Garage Sales:** Work individually or as a team.

**Golf Tournament:** Hold a golf tournament with the proceeds benefiting the Black Woods Blizzard Tour.

## H

**Hat (or Cap) Day:** Employees can make a donation to wear baseball caps to work for the day.

**Haunted House:** For Halloween, organize a haunted house and charge admission.

## I

**Ice Cream Socials:** Plan one at your place of work or with friends or children. Ask for a donation to attend.

## J

**Jail & Bail:** For a donation, employees can be arrested. For an additional donation, they can post their own bail or employees have a bounty posted on the heads of fellow employees and they are not set free until the entire bounty is raised (\$100 or more per inmate).

**Jewelry Sales:** Work with a wholesale company to sell jewelry, with your team receiving a portion of the sales or host a jewelry party at your home.

## K

**Kitchen Tools Sale:** Work with a Pampered Chef Consultant ([www.pamperedchef.com](http://www.pamperedchef.com)) to hold a kitchen show. A portion of the sales will benefit your team.

## L

**Lawn Service:** Mow your neighbors or your family's lawns for donations.

**Letter Writing:** Send letters to friends and family explaining what you are doing and why. Tell them your personal goal and ask for help.

## M

**Matching Gifts:** This is a great way to double your donations. Ask your company to match what you raise.

**Money Jars:** Place jars where you work, on your desk, or on store counters with info about the Black Woods Blizzard Tour on the front.

**Monday Night Football Party with a Purpose:** The men will love this one! Provide refreshments and charge admission to the game.

## N

**Night at the Movies:** Invite your friends over for a night at the movies. Charge admission. Have popcorn, candy, and drinks to sell too.

## O

**Odd Jobs:** Ask neighbors or family if you can do their odd jobs for a donation.

**Ornament Sale:** Make Christmas ornaments. Sell them for a donation.

## P

**Pizza Sales:** Work with a local pizza parlor to give you a percentage of the pies that you sell.

**Party With a Purpose:** (aka Neighborhood Parties) Throw a neighborhood party and put the money towards your team.

**Poker Run:** With four-wheelers or motorcycles. \$20 entry fee per vehicle. Riders stop at five different hospitality stops and playing cards are given out. At the end of the trip, the person with the best poker hand is the winner.

## Q

**Quilts:** Sell quilt squares in honor and memory of people with ALS; squares of 4 x 4 for \$5; 8 x 8 for \$15; 12 x 12 for \$25. Have employees make the quilts themselves. Also, you can raffle off a handmade quilt that was made by someone on your team or donated to the team.

## R

**Roll Those Pennies:** Break open the piggy bank and start rolling all of those coins that you have been collecting.

**Recycle:** Take in your aluminum cans and use the proceeds.

## S

**Sports Tournaments:** Organize sports tournaments at a local school gym or community center

and charge an entry fee.

**Student/Faculty Game:** Organize a student vs. faculty sports game (basketball, softball, etc.) and charge admission. You can even sell concessions.

**T**

**Tupperware Party:** Host a Tupperware party and donate the proceeds to your team.

**U**

**U-Can-Win-A-Turkey Raffle:** Ask a local grocery store to donate a turkey and sell raffle tickets for \$1 for a chance to win a Holiday turkey.

**V**

**Vendors:** Solicit vendors that you know or use for items to auction off.

**W**

**Wristbands:** Create wristbands and [have them made](#). This is a great way to raise money for and spread awareness at the same time.

**X**

**Xtra Cents:** Use one of our Collection Boxes to collect loose change from retail locations.

**Y**

**Yard Sales:** Clean out those closets and have a yard sale.

**Z**

**Zany Dress Day**

People at your office or school pay a quid or two for the chance to come dressed as celebs, as animals, in their team's strip, or all in pink...

**Do you have any creative ideas? Let us know.**