

Fundraising Ideas from A-Z

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- **Adult Spelling/Geography/Trivia Bee** – Each participant is sponsored or raises funds for their entry fee. Between rounds, share facts about hunger.
- **Art Auction or Art Creation Event (Painting with a Twist, wreath-making, crafting)**
- **Auctions (Silent, Live, or Online)** – Hold an auction at work, at a public place, at an event, or online (eg. Ebay). Get donations from local businesses, sports memorabilia (Mounted Memories), tickets to local packages (see if anyone you know has a timeshare or beach house / contact hotels and travel companies jewelry, crafts, services (massage, mani/pedi, house cleaning, car detailing, etc)...

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- **Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction** – self explanatory. ☺
- **Bake Sale**
- **Bar Night**
- **Birthday Party** – If your birthday falls during November or December, host a party and ask for donations in lieu of gifts.
- **Book Sale** – Have each team member gather used books and get donations from bookstores and libraries. Sell books in a high-traffic location. Offer a thank you bookmark with link to your page.
- **Bowling For Donations**

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- **Change Jar** – Have each team member fill a jar with spare change. Offer prizes for fastest fill-up, most \$, etc.
- **Collection Canisters** – Place collection containers in local businesses, restaurants, etc. and see if they will match the total collected.
- **Comedy Night**
- **Cook Off** – Host a cooking challenge. Who makes the best chili? Or cookies? Or cupcakes? Or create a Top Chef event. People vote and have a prize for the winner.

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- **Dance Competition**
- **Direct Sales Event** – Host a buying party with a rep from a direct sales business – Pampered Chef, Avon, Silpada, Tastefully Simple, etc. and arrange to get a portion of sales.

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- **Errand Service** – Run errands for friends or co-workers for a fee/donation.

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- **Fashion Show** – People or pets (or both). Charge admission.

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- **Game Night** – Charge fee to participate. Sell snacks.
- **Garage Sale** – All team members donate items for a huge garage sale. Advertise the sale wherever you can, and mention that all proceeds will benefit Second Harvest.
- **Gift Wrapping** – Gift wrap at a store like B&N for tips or charge people to wrap all their gifts at home.
- **Golf Tournament**

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- **Hot Dogs** – Sell them for a lunch or dinner, have a hot dog eating contest, etc.

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- **Ice Cream Social**

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- **Jail and Bail** – Have participants pay to put someone in “jail.” They either have to pay to get out or solicit donations.
- **Jeans Day**

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- **Karaoke Night**
- **Lemonade Stand**
- **Live Music Event**
- **Lunch with the CEO or a Celebrity** – Auction or raffle this off.
- **Matching Gifts** – Many companies already have a matching gift programs. Ask your company to match what you raise. This is an easy way to double your funds!
- **Movie Night** – Charge admission & sell snacks and drinks.
- **Network** – Use all your networks (family, friends, co-workers, teams, clubs, etc) and have them reach out to others on your behalf. Post progress updates on social media for them.
- **Office Olympics** – Hold events like typing competitions, swivel chair races, staple pull, stress ball toss, etc. Participants must pay entry fee. Could give overall winners credit for the proceeds or a portion.
- **Ornament Sale** – Make ornaments, buy them, re-gift them and sell them in a high-traffic area. Have kids make Second Harvest ornaments and sell them.
- **Pancake Breakfast**
- **Pool Tournament**
- **Questions for \$1** – Set up a jar and charge \$1 per question you answer. With each question, you are providing three meals for families in need! Ask away!
- **Quiz Bowl/Trivia Night** - Host at a bar or restaurant. Charge a cover and see if the bar/restaurant will donate a portion of their profits that night.
- **RAFFLES!** – This one is huge! Raffle off prizes or 50% of total donated for 50/50 raffle. Secure donations of items from local businesses, travel packages, services, memorabilia (contact Mounted Memories), Saints/Pelicans tickets, artwork, jewelry, etc. Can set up a separate team member for raffle (talk with your fundraising coach).
- **Rap Battle**
- **Restaurant Night**
- **Services** – perform services for a fee like photography, babysitting, golf lessons, landscaping, etc.
- **Theater Night** – Ask your local theater or venue to do a special movie showing and donation a portion of ticket sales and concessions for the event. Invite all team members' lists and create a social media event to share.
- **Ugly Sweater Contest** – voting by dollars for the ugliest sweater. Make a funny trophy for the winner.
- **Unwanted Gifts Sale** – Take those items you want to re-gift and sell them instead.
- **Vacation Day** – Ask employer if you can offer a vacation day as a prize or raffle item.
- **VIP Parking** – Ask employer if you can raffle off a front parking spot for a period of time. Or if they'd donate it permanently, have people pay for a week at a time (keep a calendar).
- **Wine-Tasting Party**
- **X Marks the Spot Treasure Hunt** – Create a fun scavenger hunt and charge entry.
- **Xmas Party**
- **Yacht Race (Real or paper boats)**
- **Yard Sale**
- **Yoga** – Teach or host classes for fee.
- **ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ** – Pay a fee to catch some extra Zs and go into work late one day (with employer's consent).