

THE ABC'S OF FUNDRAISING MADE FUN

A

Art Sales – This is perfect if you have a gathering of families. Have the kids produce great works of art. Parents and friends buy the budding artists' masterpieces.

Ask Everyone You Meet – When holding a fundraiser, carry a donation envelope with you so when you talk to people about your event ask for a donation right then.

Auctions of All Kinds –

- * Auction off prime parking place at work.
- * Auction off a half or day off from work.
- * Auction off a picnic lunch
- * Auction desserts, homemade dinners, art work or other creative art projects.

B

Bake Sales – Or have people donate money so they do not have to contribute baked goods.

Book Sale – Dust off the bookshelves and have a book sale.

Boss for the Day - Allow People to bid on being Boss for the day.

Brown Bag Lunch – Everyone bring a brown bag lunch and donate the money they would have spent for lunch to your cause.

C

Car Wash – Clean up with a local car wash for donations.

Change Jar – Keep a change jar in high traffic areas. All money is donated to your cause.

Christmas Tree/Wreath – Ask a local retailer to donate \$1 for every tree or wreath they sell to your cause.

Cook Offs – Host a Chili or Rib cook off and charge people to enter. Charge guests to vote for their favorite.

D

Dance – Host a themed dance; Sock Hop, Beach Party, Disco, Square Dance

Dinner – Host a themed dinner. Get food and entertainment donated and sell tickets to attend.

Dress Down day – Ask employee to make a donation to allow them to dress down at work.

E

Envelopes at Restaurant Tables - Generate donations by placing envelopes for your event or cause at every table, stating, please support of cause. Waitresses check envelopes after each seating.

F

Flower and Plant Sale - Sell annuals and perennials in the spring, ask local nursery to give you a discount for resale.

G

Gift Wrapping – During the holidays set up at a local mall or in a particular store and wrap presents for a donation.

Garage Sales – Clean out those attics and basements and hold a sale.

H

Handyman for a Day - Shovel snow, rake leaves, mow yards and donate your "fee" to your cause.

I

Ice Cream Social – Host an ice cream social. Get creative and decorate as an old fashioned ice cream parlor or soda fountain. Play oldies on a "jukebox" and charge for song request.

J

Jail and Bail – Your team can be arrested and then post their own bail or place a "bounty" on their head when you arrest someone and they are not set free until they raise the entire bounty.

K

Kiss the Pig – Select three to five well known or well liked people. Have people choose who will have to kiss the pig by votes (50 cents each vote). The individual with the most votes gets to kiss the pig!

L

Lawn Service – While you are mowing, mow for someone else for a donation.

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Matching Funds – Ask your boss or employer to match the total funds you raise for your cause.

N

Name Bead Bonanza – Take orders for personalized bracelets or key chains for a donation.

O

October Festival – Celebrate autumn and fall by hosting a block or community party. Have pumpkin carving contest, a dance, apple bobbing, face painting, pony sale, bake sale, scarecrow decorating contest. Charge an admission fee and sell others goods and services at your festival.

P

Pancake Breakfast - Good Old pancakes, sausage and maple syrup!

Percentage of Sales - Designate a percentage of one day's sale to your organization. Wendys, Pizza Hut and Retail Stores will do this.

Pet Service - Love pets? Walk dogs for a donation.

Pies – Find which fruit is in season, make and sell your delicious pies.

Pie in the Face - Select three to five well known or well liked people. Have people choose who will take the "hit" (50 cents each vote). The individual with the most votes gets the pie in the face!

Q

Quilts – Have friends make quilt blocks in honor or memory of someone or have kids design quilt blocks and then auction off the quilt(s) at your special event.

Quarter Canister Campaign – Old film canisters hold 7 dollars of quarters. Or get a tube that fits a quarter and set it in a high traffic area for donations.

R

Romance – Cater a dinner for two, highest bidder or donation wins the dinner.

S

Smile Day Give Away – Each time you catch someone smiling - give them a smiley face and ask for a dollar donation.

T

Turkey Drawing – Offer a dollar a chance to win a Thanksgiving or Holiday Turkey.

U

Unique Boutique – Collect or make unique one-of-a-kind items for fundraising via silent to live auction.

V

Video Sale - How many times can you watch Forrest Gump.

Vacation Day – Auction off a vacation day at work. (Get permission from the boss first.)

W

Wine Tasting – As with any fundraiser – but especially with this one – the wine must be donated and all liquor liability laws **must** be followed.

X

X-Mas Tidings – Make fresh evergreen wreaths and Yule logs to sell, adorned with festive bows, berries and pinecones.

Y

Yard Sale – Hold the ultimate yard sale.

Z

Zzzzzz – Sleep when your event or fundraiser is over!