

## **A to Z Fundraising Ideas:**

### **A**

**Ask:** The easiest way to raise money is to ask your friends, neighbors, relatives and anyone you know to make a donation to the PPRAC ride, which you are taking part in. Explain your commitment of 6 days and why you are involved.

**Art Sales:** Have preschool and elementary students produce great art and have a show. Parents and friends buy back their budding artists' masterpieces.

**Auctions:** Work with an auctioneer who will donate his/her time and hold a live auction. A group in MA held a silent auction during their family reunion. Try putting together sports auctions, which are very popular. Collectibles are hot! Auction off the boss -- have the boss or department head as your assistant for the day at work.

### **B**

**Bake Sales:** Hold a bake sale (focus on healthy treats!) at work or at a busy place- a bank branch held a bake sale once a week for several months. Or have a no-bake sale where co-workers pay so they don't have to bake goodies.

**Birthday Party with a Purpose:** Individuals have had birthday parties and on the invitation they state in lieu of gifts, please bring a check made out to the PPRAC ride.

**Block Party:** Put together an old-fashioned block party in a parking lot, or close off a neighborhood street (with permission). Have a band or DJ donate a few hours, have a BBQ, do face painting, offer hay rides etc.

**Boss for the Day:** Allow people to bid on being boss for the day-high bid wins.

**Breakfast With:** Put together a breakfast with Santa or the Easter bunny or other favorite kids' character. Work with a local restaurant, a hall or club. Have someone in costume and sell tickets, also have pictures taken. You could also use this as breakfast with the mayor or other high profile person.

**Brown Bag Lunch Day:** Everyone brings in their own lunch and donates the money they would have spent to the PPRAC ride fund.

### **C**

**Candle Sales:** Sell scented votive candles to fellow employees and friends.

**Candy Bar Sales:** Sell candy bars at work, or have someone at a business let you set up a little display box (beauty shops, store check-out counters, etc.). You can purchase box kits from wholesale warehouses such as Sam's or ask a candy store to donate them.

**Car Washes:** Especially in the spring when everyone wants the mud off of their cars. Try saying "donations accepted" instead of charging a set price (people tend to give more).

**Car Smash:** Secure an old car and write in large bold letters CANCER across the car. For a dollar donation you get to "smash cancer" three times with a sledgehammer.

**Chili Cook Off:** have a Hot-Hot-Hot chili cook off.

**Christmas Party:** Play carols, serve cookies, decorate a tree, have pictures with Santa and charge admission – no matter what time of year it is!

**Comedy Club:** Ask a local comedy club to host an evening in support of the PPRAC ride.

**Concession Stands:** Set up a concession stand or booth at a community event during the year.

**Cookbooks:** Collect recipes from employees and have them published and sell them. Can be produced for approximately \$2 each and sold for \$7-\$8. You need to be sure that all recipes are healthy and follow nutritional guidelines.

**Cut-a-thon:** Have a beauty salon or vocational school hold a cut-a-thon for you.

**Cutest baby:** Have a Cutest Employee Baby Contest, at your place of work. Place a photo of each employee as a baby on the bulletin board or on a display board. People donate \$1 per vote. You decide on the appropriate reward.

**Dances for a Cure:** Put together a dance at a local club or hall. Get a band or DJ to donate their services.

**Decorating Service:** No time to decorate?... holiday decorating service! Also can put Holiday lights up on houses for a fee- this is a job many people would like someone else to do.

**Deliver Flyers:** See what businesses distribute sales flyers in the weekly paper or through the mail and offer to deliver them within the town (at each house) for a set amount. It costs these businesses a lot to mail them out and they would be able to save money by having you distribute them personally.

Dog Walkers: Walk the neighborhood dogs for a donation. Many pet owners would appreciate the opportunity to let someone take their dog for a long walk.

Dog Sit: While the owners are on vacation, saves them from sending Fido to the kennel.

Dress Down Days: Many businesses have been doing this, where their employees can dress down for a day if they make a certain donation. This is also happening at parochial schools or other schools that require uniforms. For a specified donation, the student doesn't have to wear a uniform to school that day.

Email: Email your friends and associates for donations.

Errand Service: Never have time... Run an errand service!

Event parking spaces: Sell parking spaces for community events near your home.

F

Face Painting: set up a booth at a local event, fair, or festival. Kids love it! Charge .50 and up.

Fashion show: Work with new or existing clothing stores to hold a fashion show. You could have it at the store, or use a club or church hall. Offer refreshments.

Flamingo Alert: Place pink flamingos in someone yard. It will fly away once a donation is made to PPRAC. Some people have expanded this idea and for a set amount you can designate the next person is should go to, as well as you can purchase flamingo repellent, so it will not land on your yard. Other lawn ornaments could be used.

Flower sales: Work with a local florist or wholesaler and sell bouquets, potted flowers or individual stems (carnations or roses) at your place of work.

Flower bouquet Drawing: Ask a local florist to donate one bouquet of flowers, one for each month for a three-month period (or go to 3 different florists and get one per shop).

G

Game Night: Have a game night- much like a party with a purpose. Everyone comes to your house to play board games, charades etc. Charge an "entrance" fee.

Garage Sales: Set up garage sales- clean out your attic or basement and raise money for the PPRAC ride at the same time!

Golf Tournament: Put together a golf tournament with the proceeds benefiting PPRAC.

H

Hoagie Sale: Hold a hoagie sale at work or around town, taking orders ahead of time.

Hole-in-One: set up a portable putting green and for a donation; let people try to putt it in.

I

Ice Cream Socials: Plan one at your place of work or for friends, asking for a donation to attend.

Sell ice cream, low-fat yogurt and other frozen treats for dessert at your place of work.

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 placed on their head, are arrested and are not set free until the entire bounty is raised (\$100 or more per inmate).

K

Kiss a Pig Contest: Recruit a local celebrity to kiss a swine when a certain amount of money has been raised. Also has been done as a contest. Put the face of all the teachers or employees one on each jar, and who ever raised the most money must kiss the animal (could also be a team mascot, goat mule, dog etc.)

L

Lawn Service: While you are mowing your lawn, mow someone else's - for a donation.

Letter Writing: A great way to ask for donations without asking in person. Send letters out to your friends and family explaining what you're doing and why, and asking for a specific amount (more than you want) seems to work best or leave it up to them. Write them your personal goal and ask for their help. Some people are writing letters on behalf of their pets or babies adding a little humor.

Longenberger Basket Bingo: Work with a Longenberger basket sales rep to hold a bingo party. Get the use of a hall, sell tickets ahead of time and sell refreshments at the party. Most groups are selling 200-250 tickets for \$15-\$20 each, which entitles the ticket holder to 20 games. Each game winner will be awarded a Longaberger basket. The rep could also help with selling extra games or special rounds.

Lunch with the CEO: Auction off lunch or maybe a round of golf with the CEO or president of your company.

## M

Matching Gifts: Ask your company to match what you raise. Some companies have a matching gift policy, check to see if your does. If they don't ask them anyway.

Money Jars: Set up money jars or coin boxes at your place of work. This is good for banks, diners/restaurants hairdressers, and stores. Check back to empty frequently.

Movie night: Invite your friends over for a night at the movies. You provide the popcorn and soda and charge admission. Or have a movie week during lunch hour at work. Charge admission and invite employees to eat their lunch while they watch.

## N

## O

Odd jobs: Call on your neighbors and ask to do some odd jobs, such as fixing a rain gutter, shoveling their driveway, paint a fence, or rake their leaves.

## P

Pancake Breakfasts: Hold a pancake breakfast at a hall or church or at work on specific days.

Parking Space Auction: Company employees can auction off a prime spot.

Percentage of Sales: Designate a percentage of one day's sales or proceeds and let the public know so they will buy more.

Personal Bake Sale: Bake some extra delicious, extra gooey brownies and sell them for dollars a piece- make the slices large. Don't forget to make some healthy yummys – fruit salad with low-fat yogurt and granola – for those adhering to healthy eating. Make a different dessert each week for your co-workers.

Pet Fashion Show: Have a pet fashion show where you give everyone's pet the opportunity to flaunt its favorite outfit.

Charge admission and vote for best outfit, matching outfits (owner and pet) wildest outfit etc.

Photos: Have your photo taken with a local celebrity for a specified donation. Or use one of those realistic cardboard stand-ins. Do this at work or in conjunction with a local fair or festival.

Pie Sales: Much like bake sales, these are also popular. Especially around the holidays- take orders or set up a table at a busy grocery store or shopping center.

Pizza Sales: Work with a pizzeria to give you a percentage of the pizzas you sell. Take orders and deliver them. OR put pizza kits together yourself. Also can work with a wholesaler to get pizzas at a reduced price or donated is even better.

Plant Sales: Like the flower sales, work with local florists or wholesaler and sell potted plants. Paint the pots, repotted the plants and added a bow with a card.

Pot Luck Lunches: Designate every Wednesday as PPRAC ride Pot Luck Day, make chili, salads, desserts, etc and offer to employees at a set price or donation.

## Q

Quilt Drawing: Make a quilt to be given away. Or if you have that creative seamstress among your family or friends, have her hold a quilting class or just a quilting night. Quilters like to sew in groups, make a night out of it and ask for donations, or they can make the quilt for your fundraising drawing.

Quoits Tournament: hold a quoits or horseshoe tournament.

## R

Roll those pennies: Roll those pennies sitting in a jar on your dresser. While you're at it roll the rest of your coins you have been collecting.

## S

Shave your head: Have someone agree to have their hair shaved once a certain amount of money has been raised.

Shoe Shines: Shine shoes for donation- enlisted men would love it.

Shutter bug mania: into photography? Take candid shots around the community, schools, etc to sell to subject. OR take photos of a friend's wedding, anniversary party, or birthday.

Silent Auction: Have a silent auction using items you've had donated by area business (goods, services, gift certificates) or new items from family (like that beautiful wool sweater that Aunt Mable gave you for Christmas but you're allergic to).

**Sign Your PPRAC Shirt:** For a donation of \$5 (or amount designated by you) the contributor can write the name of the cancer patient they are honoring or in memory of directly on your shirt or jersey. You will ride representing the cancer patients listed.

**Skunk Them:** Put a stuffed skunk on a coworker's desk. They need to pay a donation to your fundraising to have him go away or they need to pay to be de-skunked. See Flamingo Alert for other ideas.

**Soup Sales:** Especially during the cold winter months, take orders from your coworkers and have a soup at work. If you work in town, offer it to the offices throughout the community. Take orders ahead of time and have an evening of soup making.

**Spaghetti Dinner:** Put together a spaghetti dinner at a local hall or club.

**Sports Tournaments:** Organize bowling, hockey, basketball, soccer, and other sports tournaments.

**Story Time Reading:** Have an organized story time reading. Hold it at your place of work where employees can bring their children, work with your local library to have a special time.

**Student/Faculty Basketball Game:** Set up a benefit basketball game between students and faculty, Or put together an alumni game. Challenge a local radio or television employee team.

**Super bowl party:** Have a super bowl party and ask everyone for donations when they get there. It is certainly worth it after all the trouble you go to organize the party and provide the refreshments. The same can be done for the NACC Championship basketball game, Indy 500, Masters final round etc.

T

**Tupperware party:** Have the profits from a Tupperware party benefit PPRAC.

**Turkey Drawing:** Get a grocery store to donate a certificate for a turkey or ham to be picked up just in time for

Thanksgiving, Easter, Christmas or a BBQ package for Labor Day or Memorial Day. Food is always a good item to chance off.

U

**Ugly Bartender Contest:** Get all the bartenders in town to agree to be in your "Ugly Bartender Contest" At \$1 per vote, a lot of money can be raised with the winner getting some sort of reward.

V

**Vacation Day Award:** Have your employer award a free day off to the employee who raises the most money. Post the standings for the weeks leading up to the PPRAC ride.

**Vending machines:** Coordinate with your vendor to add .05 cents to the cost of a snack or soda prior to PPRAC, with the extra nickel going to your total.

W

**Wait Tables:** Work with a restaurant that will let you designate a specific night to benefit PPRAC. You would be a waiter for the evening and would collect all the tips as well as possibly a percentage of that evening's receipts. Make sure all your friends and family eat at that restaurant during the PPRAC benefit.

**Wear Company Logos:** Tell companies that you will walk around wearing their hat or t-shirt for half an hour for a \$25 dollar donation.

**Weed:** Offer to weed gardens or pull dandelions from the lawns of friends and neighbors for a donation to the PPRAC.

**Wrap Presents:** During holiday time (Christmas or Mothers Day) set up a booth at a local mall, plaza or busy department store.

X

**Xylophone concert:** Hold a music concert or recital. Pass refreshments and ask for donations or sell tickets in advance.

Y

**Yard Sales:** Just like the garage sales.

Z

**Zoot Suit Party:** Swing music is in. Hold a swing dance party and give awards for the best Zoot suit there.