

# 10 Outside Fundraiser Ideas that you can do!



## 1. Sporting Event

Recruit teams of people to compete in a sporting event of your choosing (i.e. golf, basketball, softball, bowling). Charge admission to the event and you may also have a refreshment booth where food and beverages can be purchased. Try to get food and beverages donated by local businesses.

## 2. Used CD/Book/DVD/ Video Game Sale

Have people bring in used or unwanted items to be sold at your business or a home. Each should be organized by category and priced to go (\$1-\$5 each), depending on the condition of each item. Schools, teachers and libraries are great groups that will take advantage of sales like this. After the event is over you can contact local day cares, nursery schools or churches to donate unsold products. Or you can earn even more by selling the remainder to a half price book store.

## 3. Sell Make-A-Wish Holiday Cards

Contact your Make-A-Wish representative and get a sample of the three holiday cards that we have made specifically for the Foundation. Sell them to family and friends.

## 4. Jeans/Casual Wear Day

Businesses that have a dress code of business casual or business professional can donate \$5 to wear casual clothing to work that day.

## 5. Bake Sale

Organize a group of volunteers to bake a delicious goody, sell the goodies to people in the cafeteria or break room for \$.50-\$3.00.

## 6. Holiday Donation

Instead of doing an office or department gift exchange donate the money to Make-A-Wish in their honor.

## 7. Tournaments

You can create tournaments for any activity or sport. Some of our favorites have been Baggo (a bean bag toss game), Polish Ladders, Rings, Rock, Paper, Scissors, and Dodge Ball. Have friends, families and colleagues compete. Charge a team entry and sell refreshments.

## 8. Interdepartmental/Friends/Family Competition

Challenge co-workers in a different office or department, family or friends to a friendly competition. Figure out different ways that each group can raise money, selling stars, can drives, bake sales etc. A really fun option is a "dare jar". Put jars in a common area and paste pictures on it of different employees, friends or family members. People drop coins into the jar of the person that they want to see do a dare. The jar with the most money in it has to do a dare in front of the group (i.e. have tarantulas crawl on them, dye their hair, shave their head etc.). Come up with an agreement between the groups that is a reward for the winning group such as taking the winner out to dinner, bringing them breakfast etc.

## 9. Decorating Contest

Hold a decorating contest between departments or groups. People decorate their cubes for different holidays or events (i.e. carve pumpkins, decorate trees, wreathes, eggs etc.) People vote for the best one by donating \$1. The one with the most money is the winner.

## 10. Sell Make-A-Wish Stars

Sell cut out stars for \$1 to employees, vendors, friends and family. Hang the stars around your office to show how well you've done.

**If none of these ideas work for you or your group call Andrea Koebornik. We've had groups do a lot of really fun and unique fundraisers. We can discuss your vision and come up with an event that appeals to you.**