

## 25 Easy Tips for Fundraising

### Easy tips you can do on your own!

1. **ASK:** The easiest way to raise money is to ask friends, neighbors, relatives, co-workers..., to make a donation to The Community Hospice's Walk for Hospice. Explain why you are walking - Tell your story along with WHY hospice is important to you.
2. **E-MAIL:** E-mail and ask for donation. Remember to explain why you are walking.
3. **LETTER WRITING:** If you find it hard to ask for a donation in person - this is the one for you! Send letters to everyone you know telling them what you're doing and why. Include your fundraising goal and ask for their help. If you want a quick response, include a self-addressed stamped envelope!
4. **GARAGE SALE:** Do this by yourself, with your team or multi-family. Clean out your closets and garage and sell, sell, sell.
5. **Take Time to Set Up Your Fund Raising Headquarters** at [www.walk4hospice.org](http://www.walk4hospice.org), consider having a scrapbook online for everyone to browse through.

### Here are some more easy tips you and others can do together!

#### (TMTM - The More The Merrier!)

1. **BAKE SALE:** Hold a bake sale at work. Ask your co-workers to donate some of their baked goodies to have an assortment.
2. **FIFTY/FIFTY DRAWING:** Sell 50/50 tickets at work, your gym, a club.... Half of the ticket sales go to the winner and half go to Walk for Hospice.
3. **FLOWER SALES:** Purchase or get donations from a local florist or wholesaler. Sell potted flowers or individual stems. (*Quick Hint - Mother's Day is a great day for this - and it is just one month before Walk!*)
4. **PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Sell tickets to a pancake breakfast at a hall, church or work. Some restaurants will open up early for you and your team to have it there.
5. **QUARTER COUNTING:** Did you know that a film canister holds up to \$7? What container can you and/or your team fill up?
6. **RAFFLES:** People love raffles. Use unwanted items, crafts, baking...
7. **RESTAURANTS:** Ask a locally owned restaurant to contribute a portion of their proceeds for a day. It could be a particular menu items or special. Create a colorful sign letting people know how much will be donated back to the Walk for Hospice if they purchase the item.
8. **USED BOOK SALE:** Everyone has books and everyone wants more. Get donations and sell them cheap so people will buy.

## Great Tips for Fund Raising at Work!

(These tips are wonderful for building team spirit.)

1. **BOSS FOR A DAY:** Ask people to bid on being the boss for one day - high bid wins!
2. **BROWN BAG FRIDAY:** Ask your co-workers to bring their own lunch in and donate that day's lunch money.
3. **CANDY SALES:** Sell candy bars or other wrapped candy at work. You can purchase larger quantities from BJ's or Sam's.
4. **COFFEE FLAVORS:** If your office only has regular coffee, sell special flavors for a donation.
5. **DRESS CASUAL:** Ask your company to let staff dress casual or wear jeans for a \$5+ donation.
6. **DONUT DAYS:** Purchase or get donated baked goods to sell each Friday.
7. **ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Plan a day at work, a club or church. Sell ice cream for dessert.
8. **JELLY BEAN JAR:** Charge a fee to guess and give the candy as the prize to the winner.
9. **PARKING SPACE:** Auction off a prime parking spot at the office!
10. **PENNY MADNESS:** People love to get rid of their pennies and you can take them. You would be amazed how fast they add up! Don't be shy - ask folks to drop their pockets - that is their pocket change into your "Change for Cause" jar.
11. **PUZZLE RAFFLE:** Buy two puzzles that are exactly the same. Put one together minus one piece. Sell all the pieces from the second puzzle for \$1 each. The person who buys the missing piece wins a prize. Get a good prize donated to generate excitement. \*\*Make sure to sell all pieces before people can check if they have the missing one.
12. **TASTE OF THE DAY:** Plan a food theme (Meatball Monday, Taco Tuesday, Waffle Wednesday, Tasty Pies Thursday, Fudge for Friday...). Ask co-workers to bring a dish and others are charged \$5-\$10 for all you can eat or takeout.

**BONUS! SKUNK (Flamingo) YOUR CO-WORKERS:** Purchase a stuffed skunk (Flamingo) and put it on someone's desk. They need to give a donation to remove the skunk (Flamingo). NEXT, they choose someone to SKUNK (Flamingo)! People can also make a donation NOT TO RECEIVE THE SKUNK (FLAMINGO).