



RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISING IDEAS

DO YOU NEED HELP COMING UP WITH FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR YOUR TEAM? WE HAVE A FUNDRAISING CHAIR FOR THAT! CALL OR EMAIL TIFFANY YOSKOWITZ FOR NEW IDEAS & TO LEARN ABOUT EVENT-WIDE FUNDRAISERS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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Movie Themed Ideas

Disney Princess Ball – Whether Disney costume or just fancy dresses...Host a grand ball and invite the prettiest princesses in town. Make sure that the brothers and fathers escort the beautiful royalty to the ball. Rent a bubble machine for a truly magical experience!

Grease is the Word – Sh-bop your way back into the 50's with poodle skirts, leather jackets and a ton of fun! Play classic oldies music, munch out on typical diner food (hamburgers/hot dogs/fries), and coordinate games such as the "Beauty School Dropout" makeover booth, a dance contest, or a racecar derby (Matchbox cars, little wooden racers, or even homemade full-size soap box derby cars!).

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Star Wars – Alien costume contest! Foam sword wars! UFO attacks! Strange and exotic food! Have each participant create an out of this world costume and prepare their favorite 'space dish' to enjoy at the Annual Alien Gathering. Spaceships can be made with any materials (Cds and Slurpee lids work great) and hung. 'Aliens' can take turns trying to shoot the spacecraft with a nerf dart gun or plastic bow and arrow. A bounce house would top off the event with a moon exploration!

The Karate Kid (Or Kung Fu Panda) – Dress up in your ninja gear and run through an obstacle course that is designed for the best champions out there!

Goonies – Create the perfect treasure hunt to locate one-eyed Willie's gold! Teams can have fun locating specific locations for the next clue until they find the treasure. Any type of small prize that can fit in the treasure box can be the reward.

Ferris Bueller's Day Off – Raffle off a 'Day Off' from school!! Offer a student the chance to win a day off of school. (Options can be anything that makes the day a little more relaxing for the student. A soft chair to sit in all day? A period to work alone in the office or library? A chance to win a special treat for lunch? Permission to wear an Mp3 player during lunch? A day off from P.E.?).

Titanic – Know someone with a boat? Plan a party on deck! From cabin cruisers to enormous yachts...everyone can have a great time sitting in the sun and catching some fish! Not only do you raise money for a good cause, but as the wise man said, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime".

Harry Potter – Calling all witches and wizards! Gather the goblins for a spell-filled day with magic at every table! Have a small festival with magic-themed crafts, games, and costumes. You can even create a Who Dunit with missing jewels!

Labyrinth – Use cardboard boxes, sheets on clothesline, or any other creative materials to create a labyrinth for participants to race through. Fastest time wins!

Super Hero Games – Who's the fastest runner? Who can 'fly' the highest? Who is the strongest?

The Never Ending Story – Create an oversized book that can be displayed in a central location. Each person can donate a small fee to write one sentence as part of a 'never-ending story'.



Ideas For Everyone

Garage Sale – Gather those unwanted items and sell them for a good cause! One person's trash is another person's chemo treatment!

Costume Car Wash – Calling all witches, superheroes, and pumpkins! Gather the goblins and get ready to get wet!! The zombies have attacked the cars and gotten their sludge and slime all over!

Flamingo Flock – Let the flamingos flock your friends and family!! Gather a flock of plastic flamingos, stick them in the yard of your choice, and attach a letter explaining the purpose and requesting a donation for the removal of the flock. Then the person can request the flock to be moved to the yard of their choice!

Bake Sale – Martha, Rachael, and Julia!! Bake those goodies and sell them for a donation. Everyone loves a sweet treat...and everything tastes sweeter when it's for a good cause!

Shred-a-thon – Get a paper shredder and offer to shred documents for a donation. You could ask for a donation, charge a flat rate, or shred by weight.

Pot Luck – Appetizers/Dinners/Desserts! Bring a dish and have a feast!

Paint a Bald Head – Purchase skin colored swim caps (white or yellow will work if colored ones are hard to find) and let someone donate to paint a design or picture on the cap. Caps can be hung at the Relay to show support.

Adult Spelling Bee – A-B-C you there!! All participants can either pay an entrance fee or get sponsored by a business. Any business that sponsors a contestant will be recognized on an advertisement during the spelling bee and in a personal letter written to the local newspaper. Prizes can be obtained by local businesses, who will also be recognized.

Do a Favor – Each person can create their own coupon booklet filled with favors that can be redeemed by the purchaser. Examples of the coupons can be a free lawn mowing, free pool cleaning, free babysitting, free tutoring, dog walking...or any other service that the developer of the booklet would be willing to accomplish. Books can contain 5 favors and be sold for \$5 or \$10 each (depending on the difficulty of the coupons inside).

What's in the Box? - People can't help but to be curious about the unknown. Place an object under a box and let people donate for a chance to guess what's under it. The prize can be what's under the box, or an alternative prize.

Wacky Pageant – The judges are looking for the wackiest and craziest outfit/makeup/hairstyle in town! Bring your bed hair, green lipstick, and mismatched socks to see who is the wackiest in the bunch!!

Big Wheel Race – Grab that iconic childhood toy and get ready...get set...go!!!

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Eating Contest – Come one! Come all!! Come hungry!!! Who can eat the most doughnuts? Hot dogs?? Pie??? Eat it up and win a prize!!



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Best Seat in the House – Attention all sports fans! Want the best seat in the house? Raffle off a chance to sit front row, on a couch, at the next local sports game!

Abstract Community Paint Project – Set up a large canvas (or several canvases) and ask for a donation to have people paint a picture, write their name, place a handprint, or honor a loved one on a section of the canvas. The completed projects can be raffled off at the Relay for Life, given to survivors, or donated to a local hospital cancer wing.

Y.C.J.C.Y.1.D – Curiosity killed the cat. Have a sign posted with the acronym (locations could include any business with a good deal of foot traffic). When a person asks what it means, tell them that for only a \$1 donation they can find out. After the donation has been made, either whisper or write down the meaning: **Your Curiosity Just Cost You 1 Dollar.**

Pajama Day - Wear your pajamas to school! Students can pay \$1.00 to be granted permission to wear their PJs on a designated day.

Ninja Obstacle Course Race – Set up a fun and challenging obstacle course and race to the finish.

Cuffing - Grab a partner and get cuffed! Handcuff yourself to your best friend/spouse/parent, set a 'release fee' and ask people to help raise money to unlock the handcuffs.

Board Game Tournament - Perfect for all ages! Monopoly, Candyland, Bingo, Chess, Scrabble. The list is endless.

Spirit Chain - Support your school colors! Each class spends a given amount of time creating a paper link chain containing their school colors (or any color for younger kids). Each student pays a small fee to add another link to the chain. The class with the longest chain by the end of the contest can win an ice cream party, extra recess time, bragging rights, or another spirit-lifting reward.

Sticky Fly - Students! Time to get revenge on those teachers. Grab a few teachers who are good sports and tape them to the wall! Each student can pay a small amount for a yard of duct tape to tape up the teachers who are standing on a chair. Once all the teachers are secure, remove the tape and see who can stay the longest.

Scavenger Hunt - Organize a scavenger hunt with numerous locked treasures. Each person/team must pay a fee to open the treasure and check off the item on their scavenger list.

Children's Cookbook - Have children donate \$1.00 to enter their favorite recipe into a cookbook that can be sold to family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers!

Car Smash – Get a sledgehammer and impress the crowd with a swing at a junky jalopy. A small donation earns a few swings to demolish the vehicle.

Media Sale – Gather all of those unwanted books/music/movies and resell them at a community book sale.

Carnival/Dunk tank – Each participant creates a carnival style game that can be played to redeem tickets, which can be redeemed for small prizes.



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Cardboard Boat Race – Construct a small floating vessel to compete in a race across the water.

V-Day Flowers/Kisses – Let students purchase carnations to have delivered to classmates or favorite staff members. Another option is to bag several Hershey's Kisses and seal with a ribbon.

Art Book – Children and adults can create amazing pieces of art that can be spiral-bounded into a great coffee table book! Great gift idea for the holidays!

Dog wash – Round up the puppies and scrub them clean.

Outdoor Movie Night – Try to score a discount/free inflatable movie screen for a picnic in the park movie date.

Rubber Ducky Race – Pick a location on the beach, rope off a small area of the shore and let those duckies swim! A pool will work just fine as well if it is a breezy day or a fan to encourage the duckies!

Funny Face Photo Contest – Make your silliest face and enter it into the contest to win a prize.

Coin Wall – Create a billboard area (somewhere safe) and let people stick their change to the wall with fun tack.

How Many in the Jar? - Fill a jar with a desired object and charge a small fee to allow participants the chance to guess how many. Closest guess wins a prize.

Mailbox Painting – Locate old, beat up metal mailboxes in your neighborhood and see if you can get a donation for painting it.

Wash the Dishes – See if a local restaurant would contribute a donation for allowing you to wash the dishes.

Paint the Curb – See if your neighbors would donate to have their address painted on the curb in reflective paint.

Photo Scanning – Offer to scan old photos onto the computer and put them on a disc for people who may not have access to a scanner.

Put Your Feet Up – Let students donate for a chance to win a day to be allowed to put their feet up on the desk and relax.

Build Your Own Sub Buffet – Turkey, Salami, Ham, Cheese, and ALL the Fixins' for the healthiest fundraiser around!

Trivia Night – Create the ultimate competition and battle wits with the smartest brains in town.

Windshield Wash – Find a local gas station who will allow you to wash the windshields of the customer's cars for a donation while they pump their gas.