

Fundraising For Faith Based Groups

Faith & Hope – American Cancer Society program that is designed to get your faith based organization involved – from fundraising to survivorship. Contact your ACS representative to get more information!

Paint the Church Purple - By making a personal donation or by reaching their individual fundraising goal, members of the church can receive purple ribbons to display at their home, or in the church itself.

Awareness Ribbons/Celebrating Hope Bracelets - Using ribbon and safety pins create and sell awareness ribbons in purple or in a variety of the awareness colors. Celebrating Hope bracelets are available in a variety of colors on Shop4Hope.com.

RFL Danglers - The church as a whole can commit to selling a certain number. Individuals can use them to honor/memorialize their loved ones. The feet, cupcakes, suns, and moons make great visual display of support!

Fill the “___” - Fill a coin can, water bottle, film canister, pill bottle, or anything else with coins! Set up at the entrance of the church, or have different Sunday School classes or small groups have a friendly competition.

Guess the Number of... - Ask for a donation to guess the number of jelly beans, M&M's, gum balls, etc.

Bake sale - These can be large or small. Bake some cookies or cupcakes as an individual or organize a church wide bake sale.

Pot-Luck Lunch/Dinners - Ask that attendees make a small donation to join in on the festivities. Also consider have a raffle drawing to have a homemade dinner prepared by the team delivered to the winner.

Spaghetti Dinner/Ice Cream Social - These can take place after church services. Try getting the food donated and promoting the fundraiser in the community.

Yard Sale - Ask members of the church to donate anything they no longer need (furniture, clothes, books, toys, etc.) to be sold in one big yard sale. All proceeds benefit Relay.

Car Wash - Host a car wash in the church parking lot or other location that would attract attention. Banks are usually willing to let groups use their parking lot on the weekends.

Hole-In-One - For a donation, let people try to putt a hole-in-one on a portable putting green.

Beast or Bought - Have hunters in the congregation? Have a potluck where everyone brings a dish made with his or her catches or store bought meat. Have donations for entry fees and donations to guess which dishes were made with which meat.

Bingo - Host a big Bingo party or if there is already a recurring Bingo game, ask whether one day's proceeds (or part of the proceeds) could go towards your Relay team.

Game Night - Host a game night for either the entire congregation, or have different nights for different demographics (ladies night, teens night, adults night, guys night, etc.). Try to get food and beverages donated, as well as prizes for game winners.

Parking Space Auction - Auction off a prime parking spot at your place of worship if you have a large parking lot.

T-Shirt Sales - Is there a member of the congregation who is a survivor, is battling cancer, or has passed away from cancer? Design a shirt in their memory or honor. Or come up with a funny or catchy slogan for the shirt. All profits to benefit Relay.

Luminaria Sales - Receive donations to purchase bags in honor or memory of people's loved ones. At Relay, consider taking pictures of the Luminaria bags that you sold and sending a copy to the people who purchased them.

RFL Scratch Cards - Each scratch card contains 25 circles for donors to scratch off. Individuals agree to make a donation to you and then select a circle to scratch, not knowing how much their donation will be. Get all 25 spots scratched and raise \$250!

Consider your talents - People may be willing to make a donation to you for something you would normally receive payment for: lawn mowing, errand running, closet organizing, etc.

Percentage Nights - Places like Zaxby's, Chick-Fil-A, or a local restaurant will have nights where your team can get a percentage of all sales in a certain time period.

Holiday Fundraisers - Gift wrap booth, holiday basket auctions, decorate homes, holiday cards, Tree of Hope, Tree of Light, Wreath sales, babysit so parents can shop or have the night to themselves, make a donation in someone's honor rather than buy a gift.

Simply Ask! - Talk to everyone you know, tell them about Relay, why you Relay, and what your fundraising goal is. Ask in person, make phone calls, send emails or letters, and utilize social networking; anything to get people's attention!

