

Relay For Life FUNdraising Ideas

Art Sale	Have kids (or equally talented adults) produce art or crafts and have a show.
Bottle Refill	Challenge everyone you know to fill an empty prescription bottle with change. Quarters in an average size bottle totals \$12. The size just below that holds approximately \$9. Some people have even used those huge vitamin bottles filled with a variety of change. This project only takes the time to issue the challenge and counting and rolling the change.
Cigarette Machine Bash	Get an old cigarette machine donated and charge \$2 to bash it with a mallet .
Dimes	Fill a standard water bottle with dimes.
Envelopes at Restaurant Tables	Teams generate donations by placing a Relay For Life envelope at every table, stating "Please Support Our Relay For Life Team and the American Cancer Society." Stay for the meal "rush", and check the envelopes yourself when the table is cleared after each seating.
Fill 'Er Up!	Ask a local gas station to support your team by allowing you to pump gas at their self-serve pumps. Collect tips from customers. Wear your Relay For Life T-shirt and place large signs at the pumps and at the roadside.
Garage Sale	Clean out the good stuff you would think of donating anyway, and run a garage sale to benefit Relay For Life.
Hole In One	Set up a portable putting green and for a donation, let people try to putt it in. Have easy bragging-rights prizes ready.
Jail and Bail	For a donation, employees can be arrested. For an additional donation, they can post their own bail. Those who are arrested are not set free until the entire bounty is raised.
Luncheon for Life	Pick a theme and invite your friends and associates. Invite a guest speaker to present information on an interesting topic, such as financial planning, travel or gardening.
Magical Mondays	Work out an arrangement with your employer to make "good coffee" – a special brand or special flavor - instead of the regular coffee every Monday. Request a \$2 donation for a cup.
Meals on Demand	Make a date for your team to cook and deliver breakfast, lunch or dinner to businesses who order it. Send them a menu, donation amount and how to order, and let them know what day they can choose. Require payment on delivery.
Office Auction Hotline	Set up a special voice mailbox at work with weekly messages announcing auction items. Outline the items, including their face value, in a flyer. Employees call the hot line to record their bids. Update the recorded message daily, announcing the highest bids received to date. Each Friday, announce auction results for the week and the next week's items. Ask coworkers to donate items or services for the auction.
Poker Play	Invite 10 people over for a round of charity poker. Send invitations explaining your Relay For Life participation and request everyone brings \$25-40 mad money. If you can recruit a few friends to help you, try this on a larger scale and hold it in your church basement or local school. Provide refreshments.

Paint the "Town" Purple	In a neighborhood or in a community, large purple bows are offered for a donation to RFL. The bows are placed on mailboxes, yard lights or at the front door on homes. Businesses are asked to display their bow on their sign or at their main entrances.
Question the "Boss"	Ask the boss – who is constantly being quizzed anyway, to participate by asking for a \$1 donation for every question asked. You can find "bosses" everywhere – at home, at work, in the neighborhood association, at church.
Rent-a-Teen	Or Rent-an-Adult – offer services to run errands, do laundry, cut grass, or other useful, necessary task. Ask for a donation of \$15 per hour.
SUPER Supper	You can double the dinner you cook at home the night before and take half of it to work the next day to auction off (via email so as to not disrupt work too much). For example: a square foil pan of a casserole, a Caesar Salad kit, and cookies/brownies, OR a square pan of chicken dish, another square pan of hash brown casserole, and a salad. Try to make something homemade, easy to heat, toss the salad, and you're done. Ask for \$20 to \$50 per meal, depending on cost
Teach What You Know	Knitting, painting, dancing, origami – if you know how to do something others are interested in, teach a class or two and ask for donations
Vacation Day Drawing	Have a drawing for an extra vacation day or day off with pay. Get your company to agree to let you offer a chance to win the day off, based on donations from workers.
Wear a Company	Tell companies that you will walk around wearing their hat or t-shirt for 30 minutes for a \$25 dollar donation. Do it at Relay or at another populated event – take a picture to commemorate.
Xylophone Concert	Or any concert – music, vocal, spoken word. Host the concert, charge admission and offer refreshments for a small donation.
Zumba-Thon	Hold Zumbathons (2 hour Zumba party). A gym team can host this type of event. Each person donated \$5. The event include a Zumba instructor and a DJ. You can sell water, Zumba gear.