

Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction

Calling all eligible bachelors and bachelorettes. Help raise funds for your group and meet some new people while doing so. Host a Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction. This fundraiser is appropriate for adult groups.

Bagger for a Day

Sometimes it seems that your local grocery store can be too busy and that you always end up bagging your own groceries. This quick and easy fundraising idea lets you provide a nice service too

Ballroom Dancing Lessons

Put on your dancing shoes and start practicing your spins and dips! Ballroom dancing made quite a comeback through reality television. Other than it being fun and entertaining, it's also great exercise.

Barbecue Contest

Fire up the grills and break out your best barbecue recipes! Everyone loves a barbecue. Anything cooked on a grill is delicious—even vegetables—and it's a great venue for socializing and getting to know members of the community

Bargain Basement Evening Gowns

This is a wonderful way to clean out your closets and make some money during Prom and Homecoming Season. People always have old Prom dresses and Bridesmaids dresses that they don't know what to do with.

Break the Balloon

Pop, pop, pop. What can be more fun than popping a balloon? Winning something for doing so, of course. This is an easy fundraiser and can be incorporated into other event you already run.

Butler or Handy Man (Woman) Auction

This fundraiser can prove to be very popular if you have willing participants to auction themselves off, to cook a meal, paint a room, cut the grass, etc. the options are really endless on what people can do.

Cardboard Regatta

A cardboard regatta, is race on a calm body of water between contestants that build their own cardboard vessels. This is a particularly good event for groups that have a technical or engineering focus or for families.

Chili Cook-off

Just about everyone has a secret family chili recipe. Encourage people to share theirs by having a Chili Cook-off for your next fundraiser. Charge an entry fee to all chefs and award cash, for guests they will buy tickets and have an opportunity to sample and vote on the chili recipes.

Christmas Cookie Baking

Most people have already been rushing around for more than a month, first getting ready for Thanksgiving, and now preparing for Christmas. A great fundraiser is a twist on a cookie exchange has your group baking cookies and attendees to bring cookies as well. For each dozen cookies an attendee brings they get to leave with a dozen or they can purchase a coupon for more cookies. You can also sell other Christmas items, hot chocolate, snacks, etc.

Christmas Light Removal

How many times have you driven through a neighborhood weeks, or even months after Christmas, and seen several houses that still have lights dangling from the eaves? There's usually at least one on every street why not collect donations for Christmas light removal.

Coffee House and Poetry Slam

Lattes, mochas, and cappuccinos... Coffee houses are sweeping the nation and are the place to hang out on Friday or Saturday night. This fundraiser works great for all kinds of groups

Consignment Sale

This takes some planning to pull off, but as long as you're well organized, it can be a very successful and fun way to raise money. Collect clothing and open shop!

Cooking Class

You don't have to be Julia Child to put on a cooking class! And it doesn't have to be complicated French cuisine, either. If your organization has a kitchen, or if you can rent a kitchen you can host a cooking class!

Cooking With Your Charity

This is a fun and easy fundraiser that has endless possibilities. Create a "Cooking with your charity" cookbook to sell and raise money. Ask for recipe submissions from your group and family and friends to include in the recipe book.

Cow Pie Bingo

This is certainly an interesting idea for a fundraiser that will have people talking for a long time. In order to have a cow pie bingo, you will need to find a farmer willing to let you borrow a cow! Draw a BINGO card with chalk on the ground and have people bet on which square the cow will pie. This is a great fundraiser for festivals and fairs.

Dance-A-Thon

Break out those dancing shoes—it's time to boogie! A 24-hour dance-a-thon is an easy and fun fundraiser. Ask people to sign up to participate. They can either dance as couples or alone.

Darts Tournament

Break out the arrows and get your throwing arm in shape! It's time to raise some money with a darts tournament! Anyone who has ever been to a pub knows how popular darts is.

Death by Chocolate

Chocolate lovers are everywhere. Give them what they want with a Death by Chocolate Fundraiser. Contact local restaurants and pastry chefs to see if they would be interested in participating. Everything for the evening should be chocolate themed from the drinks and food to the silent auction.

Deposit Bottle Collection

This fundraiser works great in the States with a returnable bottle deposit or area with money for scrap collection facility. Create a flyer with information about your group and what you are collecting money.

Dog Wash

Here is a twist on the car wash ☺ Everyone wants their dog to be clean, but not everyone has the ability to give their dog a bath at home, and groomers can be expensive. Your group can offer a low-cost dog wash and can work with a local groomer or pet supply store.

Door to Door Scavenger Hunt

This fundraiser is a great way to collect non-perishable and other items for a food bank. It is also a fun night out for the family. Create a list of items that are needed and have members go around the community looking to get everything on their list. Make sure it is promoted in the community well in advance so people know to expect a knock on their door.

Drive-in Movie

Drive-in movie theatres were a popular staple during the 1950s and 1960s. Most of today's generation has never even heard of one, so recreate the fun for your next fundraiser.

Duck Race

There is nothing quite like a group of rubber duckies floating down a river. For this raffle, you will want a large number of ducks and a body of water to float them down.

Dunk Tank

Who doesn't like the thrilling satisfaction of throwing a softball as hard as they can to dunk someone in a tank of water? It's fun, and a great way to raise money anywhere, especially during the summer months.

Eating Contest

A timed eating contest is always amazing and fascinating to watch. Have one as your next fundraiser. The possibilities are endless as to what food to pick. Choose from pies, hot dogs and more.

Field Day

Remember when you were a kid and it was a daily goal to get outside, run around, and play games? Who says you can't do that now, and raise money for your group at the same time? Arrange to have a day with all those games and encourage people to participate as individuals or teams.

Fill'er Up

Full service gas stations used to be the way of life. Now it is rare to see them so why not work you're your local gas station and bring back the service, even if just for one day. Collect donations for your service.

Funny Photo Contest

This is a chance for all aspiring photographers to show off their funniest pictures. Have a funny photo contest and ask for submissions from your group. Setup pictures like an art show or online for people to vote for their favourite.

Garage Sale / Yard Sale

Who doesn't have stuff floating around in their attic, basement, or spare room that just isn't used or needed anymore? Clear out the clutter and help your cause at the same time.

Giving Tree

This is a great fundraiser to stock a food bank or other church pantry, or collect gifts for people in need during the Holiday season. Instead of decorating a tree with regular ornaments, decorate it with wishes that people can pick and go get the gift.

Gourd Tossing

This fundraiser is a spin off from the popular pumpkin ' chunkin' competition. It is a great one to run in the fall during pumpkin and gourd growing season. You can either allow teams or individuals to take part and have prizes for the furthest toss, most creative toss, best costume etc.

Guest Speaker Seminars

Every community has members who stand out for some reason. It may be the local news anchors or athletes, or a successful local business owner. One way to raise money for your organization is to host seminars where people can pay a fee to come and listen to a speaker. It could be a lunch, dinner or just coffee and tea served during the talk.

Holiday Shopping in One Night

Holiday gift shopping can be time consuming and hectic. Host a “holiday shopping in one night” event for your next fundraiser. Find vendors willing to stay open late for those in your town and even host special sales, people get shopping done without the crowds and stores get a lot of business in one night.

Ice Cream Social

You Scream, I Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream! Vanilla, Chocolate, Mint Chocolate Chip. There are so many different flavours to choose from. Everyone loves ice cream. Host an ice cream social instead of your typical mixer or tea social.

Karaoke Night

There is a hidden singer in all of us. Most people will admit to singing in their shower or car when no one else is around. Bring the singer out with a karaoke night.

Movie Marathon

Pop some popcorn, dim the lights, and settle in for a night of movie magic! Many movie theatres will work with groups to arrange special functions. Contact the theatres in your area to organize an evening of movies or set up your own “theatre” in your local community centre and encourage people to bring their blankets to get comfortable and settle in for the marathon.

Overnight Zoo or Garden

Work with your local zoo, or park and recreation department to see if you can set up an overnight experience for a good cause. Attendees would pay to camp over and you can provide dinner, snacks, entertainment, etc. the possibilities are endless with this type of event.

Pampering in Prison

Create a new twist on the lock up for charity. Instead of just locking up your prisoners and having them make phone calls to family and friends to raise bail money, have them raise money to continue the pampering experience. Pampering can be anything from custom cocktails, to massages, to manicures.

Pancake Breakfast

This is one of the most common fundraisers because it's easy and inexpensive to plan, and who doesn't like pancakes? You'll find everything you need to make the pancakes at the grocery store and you just need the hands to flip the pancakes. Great in conjunction with Canada Day or other recognized event.

Photo Scanning

Digital cameras and the Internet have made photo sharing a whole lot easier. But what about all those old photos stuck in albums, or piled in shoe boxes? Wouldn't it be great if they could be digitalized too? Grab some scanners and a group and scan pictures for members of your community.

Pin it On

Every mom loves being honored on her special day, Mother's Day. A great way to honor her is with a flower corsage. Your group can make or order corsages for your next fundraiser. And have members of the community purchase them for mom on her special day

Popcorn Tasting

You've heard of wine tasting, coffee and tea tasting, even dessert tasting. Why not a popcorn tasting? It's a unique fundraiser and has potential to draw a crowd who want to experience something new.

Rake It Up

It seems like all the leaves fall from the trees at once in the fall. It can be a time consuming task, but a great fundraiser for your group. Create a flyer and advertise that your group will come by and do the raking for you.

Santa Breakfast

Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa Claus is coming to town. No one likes to wait in line at the mall to visit Santa Claus. Host a breakfast (or lunch) with Santa Claus.

Shaken or Stirred?

This fundraiser is sure to create a buzz and bring in the customers. It is appropriate for adult fundraising groups and a strictly over 19 crowd. Find a local bar or nightclub that will host your group and showcase a variety of martinis with appetizers and entertainment.

Smoothies

Who doesn't love a good smoothie? They're even better when you can use them to raise some money for your organization! This kind of fundraiser would work best in conjunction with another event like a local fair or festival.

Snow Cones

What better way to beat the heat than with cool, colorful snow cones? A snow cone fundraiser would work best in conjunction with another, larger event like a craft show or a art fair.

What's in the Box Auction

Curiosity killed the cat and it will be curiosity that will work in your group's favour with this fundraiser. Have all the items in a wrapped package, big or small, for the auction people bid on items based on the packaging and get what ever is inside. This can be done for a dinner too, have tables or individuals bid on food items before they see it they could end up with a full steak dinner or a grilled cheese sandwich.

Winery or Brewpub Bus Tour

It is always a good idea to have a designated driver when visiting wineries and brewpubs for tastings. Why not provide one as your next fundraiser? Host a Winery or Brewpub Bus Tour.

Woman Fashion Show

Turn a normal dinner fundraiser into an evening of fun and entertainment. Find some brave men that are willing to embarrass themselves and have a "wo"man fashion show. Get donated dresses and other women's fashion for the brave men to model, maybe a fun event to partner up with the local Fire Department.

Wrap It Up!

The Holidays are busy and people are willing to pay for certain services to save time. One of the most popular Holiday services is gift wrapping. Set up a booth in your local mall for your next fundraiser.