



## Fund Raising Ideas A thru Z

**A** **Ask Everyone to Make a Donation:** Friends, neighbors, relatives, and co-workers. Explain your commitment to the event, your involvement in the past and why the event is special to you.

**B** **Bake Sales:** Hold a bake sale at work or a busy place.

**Bead Sale:** A bead sale can net you as much as \$80.00 per strand when sold at a per bead price. This does require you to purchase the beads up front and then selling them.

**Book Sale:** Have co-workers, friends and relatives donate used books and sell them at, work, church or a high traffic area.

**C** **Car Wash:** this is a great and easy money maker, as well as fun! Charge a flat rate or ask for a donation. Be sure to wear your Walk t-shirt and tell everyone thank you for supporting the event.

**Chinese Auction:** Have each department at work create a basket with a theme and then sell tickets to drop in a bucket placed in front of each basket.

**Change Challenge:** Place containers in each classroom/department. Have people put change in every day and by a set date whoever collects the most money is the winner. Or a variation is whoever collects the least money by a certain date so you put change in other containers.

**D** **Dance or Dance Marathon:** Hold a school dance and donate the entrance fee to the Walk. Or hold a dance marathon with a special theme. Encourage all students to raise money and make it a fun evening.

**E** **Email:** Email everyone in your address book and ask them for a donation. Use our new website to create your own page or a heartfelt note explaining why this is important to you will do the trick.

**F** **Fifty-Fifty Drawings:** Hold a fifty-fifty drawing at your place of business weekly or monthly. The winner splits the money with Autism Speaks. It's a win-win for all.

**G** **Garage Sales:** Use this opportunity to clean out your attic or basement and hold a garage sale individually or with your neighbors.

**H** **Hat Day:** For a \$1 donation, students/co-workers can be allowed to wear hats to school/office. Encourage wacky hat day but get permission first.

**Hoagie Sales:** Hold a Hoagie sale at work or around town. You can either purchase coupons from Wawa or make the hoagies yourselves. Take orders ahead of time.

**I** **Ice Cream Social:** Plan to hold a social at work or school. Ask for donations from all who attend.

**J** **Jeans Day:** Co-workers pay a designated amount to wear jeans on a Friday.

**K** **Kiss the Pig Contest:** Recruit a teacher or local celebrity to kiss a pig or team mascot once a certain amount of money is raised.

**L** **Letter Writing:** Write a letter to everyone you know asking for a donation or specific amount. Be sure to explain why you are doing the walk and your own personal goal.

**M** **Matching Gifts:** Ask your company, teacher, boss, etc. to match the money you personally raise. Some companies already have a matching gift program; see if your company does.

**N** **Narcissus Sale (Or any other flower):** Take pre-orders and buy in bulk from a distributor.

**O** **Odd jobs:** Call neighbors and ask to do some odd jobs, such as painting, cleaning, dog walking, house-sitting and tell them all money is going to the Walk.

**P** **Popcorn Sale:** Popcorn always smells so yummy. Pop and sell at work, or school.

**Potluck Lunch/Dinner:** Co-workers donate a favorite dish and sell tickets for \$5.

**Q** **Questions for a buck:** One team raised money by having their boss, who was constantly being asked questions, charge \$1 for each question for a designated time period.

**R** **Roll those Pennies:** Roll pennies that are around the house and donate.

**S** **Shave your head:** Shave a willing participants head once a specified amount of money has been raised.

**T** **Turkey Raffle:** Raffle a donated turkey off during the holidays or after.

**U** **Ugly Bartender Contest:** Get local bartenders in town to agree to be in your "Ugly Bartender Contest". For a \$1 vote, a lot of money can be raised for your team. The winner gets some kind of reward and is asked to be an honorary team member.

**V** **Video Sales:** Hold a video sale at work or school. Have team members bring in videos they no longer watch. Kid videos are especially ones. Hold the sale during lunch or in the evening.

**W** **Wear Company Logos:** For a fee of \$25 tell companies that you will wear their hat or t-shirt for one half hour during the walk.

**X** **Xylophone Concert:** Hold a music concert or recital. Pass out refreshments and a donation can or sell tickets in advance.

**Y** **Yard Work:** Ask the neighbors if you can rake their leaves or pull weeds. Donate the money to your team.

**Z** **Zoot Suit Party:** Swing music is a ton of fun! Hold a Swing Dance Party or a school dance that features Swing Music and give awards for the best Zoot Suit there.

\*\* Autism Speaks requests that teams carefully consider their fund-raising efforts. During the planning of any event, ask these questions:

- ✓ Is it ethical?
- ✓ Is it offensive to ANY group?
- ✓ What is the financial risk/outcome?
- ✓ Do we have unanswered questions or doubt? Call your local office.