

The background of the entire page is a photograph of children in a camp. In the foreground, a young girl in a red t-shirt with a cartoon character and the word "football" is looking down. To her right, a boy in a white t-shirt is holding a large yellow balloon. In the background, other children are playing with balloons, and there are makeshift tents made of fabric and wood. The ground is dry and dusty.

FUNDRAISING GUIDE

FUNDRAISING IDEAS FROM A to Z

WELCOME!

You're about to embark on a journey full of joy, community, and most importantly, making a difference in the lives of children that Child Houses support.

We've included an inspiring list of ways to raise money in this guide, but any efforts to support our vital work are welcome. We'll also be here with plenty of support along the way.

We hope they inspire you and your family and friends to feel like you really can make a difference.

Let us know when and how you are fundraising and be sure to share pictures and updates with us so we can highlight our amazing fundraisers.

For questions and support please reach out to fundraising@childhouses.org.

Ready to get started? Here we go!



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A to Z EVENT FUNDRAISING

READY TO RAISE SOME MONEY FOR A GOOD CAUSE?

HOSTING AN EVENT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE INTIMIDATING.

From big to small, silly to serious, these event ideas let you gather your community together for a common goal of helping and supporting Child Houses. Have fun with it!

ART AUCTION

Gather local artists or kids' drawings and have an auction!

APPLE PIE SALE

Bake or collaborate with a local bakery to sell mouth-watering apple pies.

ADVENTURE QUEST

Design a scavenger hunt around your community. Participants pay to enter and win prizes!

BAKE SALE BONANZA

Traditional, but a sure hit! Whip up delicious treats to sell.

BALLOON BURST

Fill balloons with small prizes. People pay to pop and find out what they've won.

BOOK SWAP

Charge an entry fee to a community book exchange.



COSTUME CONTEST

Whether it's Halloween or a random day, everyone loves to dress up!

CAR WASH CARNIVAL

Not just a car wash, but add some games, food stalls, and music.

CRAFT FAIR

Local crafters can showcase and sell their crafts, with a portion of proceeds going to your cause.



DANCE OFF

Dust off those dancing shoes and hold a dance competition.

DOG PARADE

Charge an entry fee for the cutest canine strut competition.

DUNKING BOOTH

Local celebrities or teachers get dunked for a good cause!

EGG HUNT EXTRAVAGANZA

Not just for Easter! Hide things other than eggs and charge an entry fee.

ESCAPE ROOM EVENT

Design a makeshift escape room or host at your local escape room. Charge teams to participate and solve the mystery.

ECO-FRIENDLY FAIR

Promote sustainable living with eco-friendly products and charge stall fees.



FASHION SHOW

Host a runway show using local talent and perhaps upcycled clothing. Show off your Sunday best!

FITNESS MARATHON

Zumba, aerobics, yoga – charge participants to join a day of fitness classes

FOOD TRUCK FEST

Collaborate with local food trucks to donate a portion of the day's earnings.



GARDEN GALA

Transform a garden into a fundraising venue with music, dance, and drinks.

GAME NIGHT

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Board games, card games, and more. Charge an entry fee and maybe even a small fee to rent a game.

GUITAR GIG

Invite local bands or individual artists for a musical night in your living room.

HAT DAY

Encourage schools or offices to wear fun hats for a day with a participation fee.

HAUNTED HOUSE

Transform a location into a spooky haunted house for Halloween. Kids can ask for Halloween donations while Trick or Treating!

HUMMUS HANGOUT

Bring your best hummus and host a competition for the best recipe!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Who doesn't love ice cream? Buy in bulk and resell in cones or cups.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Celebrate diverse cultures with offering different cuisines. Or pick one country and dive deep!

IMPROV NIGHT

Have a laugh-out-loud night with local improv groups.

JAZZ JAM

Jazz bands or enthusiasts perform for an audience. Pair with drinks and food!

JIGSAW PUZZLE RACE

Teams compete to complete puzzles the fastest.

JUMBLE SALE

Similar to a garage sale, but make it more communal with many contributing items to sell.



KARAOKE KINGDOM

Participants pay to sing their favorite tunes in front of an audience.

KITE FESTIVAL

Everyone gathers in a park to fly kites, maybe even compete for the best-designed kite.

KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

Charge teams to participate in a fun kickball league.

LANTERN LAUNCH

Participants buy lanterns, write wishes, and launch them into the night sky.

LIP SYNC BATTLE

Compete by miming popular songs with fun choreography!

LITERARY EVENING

Local authors or poets read their works. Could also host a mini book sale!



MAGIC SHOW

Bring in local magicians to entertain and bewilder.

MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT

Attendees pay for dinner and a show, where they also get to be part of the plot.

MOVIE MARATHON

Back-to-back films, popcorn, and a lot of fun. Charge for entry or by the movie.



NATURE WALK

Organize a guided tour of local natural beauties. Great for educational purposes too!

NEON NIGHT

A dance or party night where everyone dresses in neon. Could be paired with black lights!

NOODLE FESTIVAL

Host a celebration of all things pasta, with different varieties to taste and buy.



PANCAKE PARTY

Make and sell a variety of pancakes. Think toppings and different syrups!

PHOTO MARATHON

Participants have a day to take photos fitting certain themes or categories.

PAINTING PARTY

Whether it's canvas or pottery, let participants express their creativity.



OUTDOOR ORCHESTRA

Set up a musical evening in a park or outdoor venue.

ORIGAMI WORKSHOP

Teach the art of paper folding and sell origami creations.

OBSTACLE COURSE

Design a fun and challenging course. Participants can compete for prizes.



QUIZ NIGHT

Create a trivia night at a local venue or school. Team entry fees add up!

QUILT RAFFLE

Raffle off a beautiful quilt, maybe even hand-made by volunteers.

QUIET HOUR

Host a silent meditation or reading hour. Great for libraries!



ROCK CLIMBING RELAY

Partner with a local rock climbing gym for a fun competition.

RUMMAGE RAMPAGE

A mega garage sale where the community donates items to sell.

RADIO REQUEST HOUR

Pair with a local radio station.

Donors request songs for a donation.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

A classic meal that's easy to make in bulk. Sell tickets in advance.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Create a list of fun and challenging items to find or tasks to complete.

SYRIAN DINNER

Host a dinner and challenge friends to bring one Syrian dish.



TALENT TRIUMPH

A talent show where participants can showcase their unique skills.

TEA PARTY

Offer a selection of teas and small snacks. Maybe even include a hat contest!

T-SHIRT TIE-DYE

Participants buy a shirt and get to tie-dye it

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UMBRELLA ART

People buy plain umbrellas and decorate them with provided materials.

UKULELE UPRISING

A gathering or contest for ukulele enthusiasts.

UNICYCLE RACE

A quirky and fun event that's sure to draw a crowd, even if just to watch.

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VINTAGE VIGNETTE

A vintage sale or show – think clothes, accessories, and antiques.

VEGETABLE FESTIVAL

Celebrate all things veggie. Could also include a farmers market!

VOLLEYBALL VENTURE

Host a beach or court volleyball tournament.

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WINE & PAINT NIGHT

Patrons enjoy wine while painting a picture.

WAFFLE WEDNESDAY

Just because it's fun to say! And who doesn't love waffles?

WALKATHON

A classic fundraiser. Consider themed walks like "Pajama Walks" or "Pet Parades."



'X MARKS THE SPOT' HUNT

A treasure hunt where "X" marks the spot.

XYLOPHONE XTRAVAGANZA

An event dedicated to this unique instrument.

X-FACTOR FUN

Host your own version of the popular talent show.

YOGA BARN

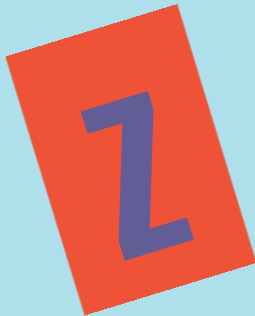
An outdoor group yoga session.

YO-YO CONTEST

Kids and adults show off their best yo-yo tricks.

YARD GAME DAY

Classic games like cornhole, giant Jenga, and horseshoes.



ZOMBIE ZOOM

A fun run where participants dress as zombies.

ZUCCHINI FESTIVAL

Celebrate this versatile veggie with dishes, contests, and more.

ZERO-WASTE WORKSHOP

Educate the community on sustainability and sell eco-friendly products.

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS!

Hopefully, these suggestions spark some inspiration and creativity. Remember, the more tailored an event is to your community's interests, the more successful it will be.



WORKPLACE FUNDRAISING

CHAMPIONING CHILD HOUSES: A CORPORATE COMMITMENT

INTRODUCE & ADVOCATE FOR CHILD HOUSES WITHIN YOUR COMPANY.

Many companies have corporate social responsibility (CSR) programs or charity matching schemes in place. Here's how you can introduce and advocate for "Child Houses" within your company:

INTERNAL POLICIES: Familiarize yourself with the company's existing charity policies or CSR programs. Determine if there's a nomination process for new charities or an annual review.

SUCCESS STORIES: Gather statistics, testimonials, and success stories from Child Houses to present a strong case.

PRESENTATION: Create a compelling PowerPoint presentation. Emphasize the mission of Child Houses, their impact, and how supporting them aligns with the company's values.

FINANCIALS: If possible, provide a clear breakdown of how the funds are used by Child Houses to show transparency and credibility.

INTERNAL CHAMPIONS: Identify and connect with key decision-makers or influencers within the company. Getting a senior executive or department head on board can accelerate approval.

PETITION POWER: Start a petition or survey among employees to showcase collective interest in supporting Child Houses.

AWARENESS ACTIVITIES: Host internal workshops, webinars, or guest speaker sessions from Child Houses to raise awareness and interest.

MATCHING GIFTS: Propose a matching gift program where the company matches employee donations up to a certain amount.

FUNDRAISING FRIDAYS: Designate certain days for fundraising activities, where employees can participate in various events, and proceeds go to Child Houses.

PRODUCT PARTNERSHIPS: If your company sells products, propose a special edition item where a percentage of sales goes to Child Houses

For additional documentation and information please contact:

fundraising@childhouses.org. We are here to help!

WORKPLACE FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Now let's explore some fun and engaging fundraising ideas tailored for the workplace.

DESK DECORATION CONTEST

Employees pay a small fee to enter. They decorate their desks and a winner is chosen at the end of the day.

MUG EXCHANGE

Everyone brings in a fun mug, which is then auctioned off. Perfect for coffee lovers

MYSTERY RAFFLE

Staff donate items for a surprise raffle. Participants don't know what's inside until it's won!

TIP JAR CHALLENGE

Each department has a jar. Whichever department collects the most tips by Friday, wins a prize (like leaving early the next day).

TRIVIA TIME

Employees pay to participate in a lunchtime trivia session. Winner gets a prize!

TWIN DAY

Pairs pay to dress as twins. The most convincing duo wins a prize.

WAFFLE BREAKFAST

Charge for a plate of waffles with all the toppings.

WHO'S THAT BABY?

Employees bring baby photos, others pay to guess who's who.

WARDROBE SWAP

Employees bring in clothing to swap or sell.

WORKPLACE FUNDRAISING IDEAS

THANK YOU GRAMS

Employees can send thank-you notes to each other for a small fee. Can include candy or flowers.

THEMED DRESS DAY

Eg. Superhero day. Pay to play and have prizes for best costumes.

TALENT SHOWCASE

A lunch-hour show where employees can showcase their talents, from singing to magic tricks!

FOOD TRUCK LUNCH

Coordinate with a local food truck to donate a percentage of the day's proceeds.

FUNNIEST JOKE CONTEST

Employees pay to tell their joke, and the one that gets the most laughs wins!

FLASHBACK FRIDAY

Everyone dresses from their favorite decade, with prizes for best outfits.

SILENT AUCTION

Throughout the week, have items or services (like a reserved parking spot) up for auction.

PENNY WARS

Each department has a jar for collecting coins. Pennies count as positive points, silver coins as negative. The aim is to fill your jar with pennies and sabotage others with silver coins!

CEO CHALLENGE

If a certain amount is raised by the end of the week, the CEO or manager does something funny, like getting a pie in the face or wearing a silly outfit.

SPORTS FUNDRAISING



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YOU CAN RAISE MONEY WHILE GETTING FIT.

Sporting events and organized sports teams are a great way to get together and raise money for a cause you believe in! Below are some simple and mega fun ways to get involved while getting fit.

CHARITY MATCH

Organize a match between two popular teams or groups in your community. Charge a small admission fee.

PLEDGE-A-THON

Athletes commit to performing a certain activity (like running, cycling, or swimming) and supporters pledge money based on their performance (e.g., \$10 for every mile run).

SPORTS DAY

Host a day of various sports competitions like sack races, three-legged races, and tug-of-war. Participants can be charged an entry fee.

SPORTS CLINIC

Have skilled players or professionals offer training sessions in sports like tennis, golf, or basketball. Participants pay for the clinic.

FANTASY SPORTS LEAGUE

Charge an entry fee for participants to join a fantasy sports league, where they can "draft" players and compete against each other based on real-world performances.

BASKETBALL FREE-THROW CONTEST

Players pay to participate and the best shooter wins a prize.

SILENT AUCTION

Procure sports memorabilia or experiences (like training sessions with local athletes, tickets to major sports events, signed jerseys) and auction them off.

SPORTS FUNDRAISING IDEAS

GOLF DAY

Organize a charity golf tournament where participants pay to play. You can also include contests like "Closest to the Pin" or "Longest Drive" with prizes.

BOWLING NIGHT

Rent a bowling alley and charge teams or individuals to play. Offer prizes for top scorers or best team names.

TABLE TENNIS TUSSLE

A lunch-hour ping pong contest.

SOCCER SHOOTOUT

Charge for each goal attempt. Offer prizes for the most goals scored.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE FACEOFF

Organize a tournament with teams from different departments or grades.

RUBBER DUCK RACE

Sell rubber ducks to race in a local pool or stream. The duck that reaches the finish line first wins its owner a prize!

TUG-OF-WAR TOURNAMENT

Classic fun! Teams pay to enter and challenge each other.

WALKATHON/BIKEATHON

Have participants get pledges for every mile they walk or bike.

TAILGAIT PARTY

Before a big game, host a tailgating event with games, food, and merchandise for sale.

SPORTS FUNDRAISING IDEAS

SPORTS TRIVIA NIGHT

Charge teams to enter a sports-themed trivia competition

ROLLER-SKATING/ICE-SKATING NIGHT

Partner with a local rink and host a skating night with entry fees going to charity.

RAFFLE

Get donated items like game tickets, signed memorabilia, or sports equipment and raffle them off.

EXERCISE CLASS MARATHON

Host back-to-back fitness classes like yoga, Zumba, or Pilates and charge a fee for participation.

BEFORE YOU GET STARTED, DON'T FORGET:

When organizing a sports-based fundraising activity, always ensure safety measures are in place. Promote the event widely within your community, use social media, and engage local businesses for sponsorship potential. Remember to cater to all age groups and fitness levels. Having both competitive and fun, non-competitive events ensures wider participation. Promote teamwork, sportsmanship, and most importantly, the cause behind the fundraising. Encourage participants to gather sponsors or pledges for certain activities, boosting the fundraising aspect. Celebrate the power of sports and community spirit!



FUNDRAISING FOR KIDS

FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES

IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE AT THE SAME TIME.

Always remember, before starting any fundraising fun, ask your parents or guardians for permission and make sure you're being super safe.

**CREATIVE
CORNER**

DOODLE DAY

Kids create colorful drawings and sell them to family, friends, or neighbors.

DIY CRAFT FAIR

Make simple crafts like friendship bracelets or painted stones.

STORYBOOK CREATION

Write short stories and create a homemade storybook to sell.

LEMONADE LAGOON

Set up a good old-fashioned lemonade stand.

COOKIE KINGDOM

Bake and sell cookies in quirky shapes.

SNACK SALE

Make and sell fun snacks like popcorn or fruit kabobs.

**MUNCHKIN
MUNCHIES**

ENTERTAINMENT EMPIRE

SHOW

Showcase talents, whether it's singing, dancing, or magic tricks! Charge a small entrance fee.

DRESS-UP DAY

Kids dress up and put on mini-plays or character parades. Friends and family give donations for the show.

GAME-A-THON

Kids play board games, card games, or video games. Players can get sponsors who donate per hour played.

PLANT-A-POT

Plant little seeds in decorated pots and sell them.

PET PARADE

Kids show off their pets in a fun neighborhood parade. Attendees can give a donation or pay a fee to join with their own pet.

ECO ELVES

Collect recyclables from neighbors for a week, then turn them in for money.

NEIGHBORHOOD NATURE

MOW & SHOW

Mow neighbors' or family members' lawns for a fee. Perhaps even have a competition with friends to see who can mow the most lawns in a week!

GARDEN GUARDIANS

Apart from mowing, offer to weed gardens, water plants, or plant new flowers.

NATURE'S ARTISTS

After mowing, gather the fallen leaves and create leaf art or compost.

LAWN LEGENDS

CHORE CHAMPIONS

TASK TICKETS

Create a ticket system for chores. Each chore has a ticket with a set price. Family members can 'buy' a ticket, and the child completes the chore.

SUPER SWEEPERS

Offer to do specific tasks like sweeping, vacuuming, or dusting.

CAR WASH WARRIORS

Set up a mini car wash station at home and offer to wash family cars or bikes.

ALLOWANCE ALLIES

PIGGY BANK PLEDGE

Dedicate a percentage of weekly allowance to the charity jar.

SPARE CHANGE SEARCH

At the end of each day, search for and collect spare change around the house, and add it to the charity fund.

SKILL SHARE

Set up a mini car wash station at home and offer to wash family cars or bikes.

A young girl with brown hair tied back, wearing a bright pink quilted jacket and a white face mask pulled down to her chin. She has a clear plastic cup balanced on her head and is smiling while making a peace sign with her right hand. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green plants and a stone wall.

INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISING

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FUNDRAISING DOESN'T ALWAYS REQUIRE BIG EVENTS OR GROUPS.

For those who prefer solitude or may not have the capacity for larger undertakings, there are still impactful and meaningful ways to contribute. Let's dive in.

WORKPLACE WONDERS

SIGNATURE SUPPORT: Include a donation link in your email signature with a small note about the cause you're supporting.

LUNCHTIME LINKING: Share the donation link during lunch breaks or casual chats with colleagues. Personal stories and reasons for supporting can make it more compelling.

COMPANY NEWSLETTER: If there's a workplace newsletter or bulletin, consider getting permission to include your fundraising mission.

CHURCH CONNECTIONS

BULLETIN BOOST: Ask if you can share your donation link or cause in the weekly church bulletin.

TESTIMONIAL TIME: Share a personal testimony about why you're fundraising during appropriate church gatherings.

SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUTOUT

A simple post on platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or even TikTok can amplify your reach.

BIRTHDAY BENEVOLENCE: Instead of gifts, ask friends to donate to your cause on your birthday.

EMAIL CHALLENGES: Start a 7-day challenge, encouraging recipients to forward the cause to 7 people.

PROFILE PROMOTIONS: Update your social media profiles or cover photos with a message about the cause.



USEFUL LINKS

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**THANK YOU FOR STARTING YOUR FUNDRAISING JOURNEY
WITH CHILD HOUSES!**

FIND OUT MORE AT:

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LINKEDIN: linkedin.com/ChildHouses

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Make sure your fundraising is safe and legal:
www.childhouses.org/get-involved/fundraise/safe-and-legal

Paying in your funds to Child Houses:
childhouses.org/get-involved/fundraise/paying-in-funds