

Suggested Ideas for Fundraising

- Request birthday donations instead of gifts.
- Auction off skills -Are you a trained massage therapist? Can you organize a closet like no one else? What about cleaning house or re-vamping someone's resume? You can even be the "designated driver" for your friends for a night out on the town. Let people know that you are willing to trade your services for a donation. Set your price high – it's for a good cause!
- Have a dessert-a-thon. Make a bunch of desserts, and charge \$25.00 at the door for an all you can eat dessert-a-thon.
- Host a wine/beer tasting party and charge \$25.00 at the door. Make everyone bring a bottle/6-pack to keep your cost down.
- Sell items not available in the office (cans of soda, candy bars, etc.) to your coworkers.
- Request to have a Dress-Down-Day or Denim Day at work or school; everyone gives a donation for the privilege and saves on dry cleaning expenses.
- Start a piggy bank. Be sure to feed the pig! Every time you go into a store break a dollar for change, even if you have those three pennies in your pocket. The change will add up to a nice contribution.
- Charge admission for BBQ, Cocktail Party or a cook-off between friends. Participants can invite their family and friends to watch them compete on appetizer, main dish, side and dessert. At the end of the night a winner is declared.
- Throw a home party be it Pampered Chef, Thirty-One, Origami Owl, etc. Donate 10-15% of sales.
- Have a pet bake sale (make dog biscuits) and sell them outside of a pet store or at a park.
- Host a company breakfast or lunch in the office. Get donations from local places, bring donuts or just cook the meals yourself and charge fellow employees per plate.
- Clean out your closets and find things worth selling at yard sales, flea markets or online.
- Have a garage sale to raise funds where your neighbors can each donate a few items they want to get rid of.
- Make invitations for a "non-event." Imagine the money your guests might spend on a black tie party, including clothing, hair, make-up, transportation, etc. and ask them to pledge that money to Steps Together.
- Bake Sale. This doesn't have to be in the traditional sense. Offer a batch of cookies for anyone who makes a \$100 contribution, half batch for \$50.
- Organize a home tour where people pay a certain fee to tour homes in your neighborhood. (Capitalize on the nosiness of neighbors)
- Have a murder mystery party and request a donation at the door.
- Host a car wash.
- Host a lemonade stand.

- Ask restaurants to host a dine to donate. You rally patrons and they donate proceeds.
- Ask your local bar if they'll allow you to be a guest bartender for a night, or even for a few hours on a Saturday afternoon. Send out an Evite, inviting everyone you know to join you there for a drink, and ask them to invite everyone *they* know. Create a sign to place on the bar or a flyer that reads, "All tips collected tonight will go directly to Steps Together." When people see the sign, they may be willing to dig a little deeper in their pocket!
- Have a sports pool. Obviously this works well during football season but you can find a sport and make it work anytime of year. Create a grid, and sell the boxes. Half the proceeds go to the cause and half go to the winners.
- Choose any sport from basketball to dodge ball and host a sports challenge at a local gym. Charge \$5 to participate or \$25 to form a team. Charge a donation at the door to watch the game. Secure donated goods and sell them at your concession stand with proceeds going toward your fundraising total.
- Holiday Vendor Boutique
- Celebrate a birthday by dedicating the day for a prayer chain and donations
- Student preparing for confirmation hosts a gift drive
- Company organizes a gift drive in the office for holiday gifts

Successful Past Fundraising Events

- [Renaissance Hair Salon & Spa in Hillsborough](#) donated 25% of products and services for an entire month when clients brought a coupon
- [Applebee's in Hillsborough](#) sponsored a breakfast
- [The Roman Gourmet Pizzeria in Hillsborough](#) donated 15% of their gross sales.
- [NEC Wine & Liquors](#) sold \$5 chances to win a Jason Pierre-Paul Jersey. All proceeds were donated.
- [Jaime Gerard](#) hosted a Thirty-One on-line shopping event and donated 100% of the proceeds
- [Kelly Kenney](#) hosted a Stella & Dot Online Trunk Show and donated 100% of proceeds from jewelry purchased.
- [Mom's Club of Hillsborough West](#) donated the proceeds from their annual Easter Egg Hunt.
- [Millstone Wine & Liquors](#) hosted a BBQ and all food was donated by a customer and patrons were invited to dine for a donation.
- [Jump!Zone in Hillsborough](#) donated 50% of all proceeds for an event. Pretzels were donated by The Pretzel Factory and pizza was provided at a reduced rate by The Roman Gourmet Pizzeria.
- Comedy for a Cause was hosted at Rhythms in Manville starring Pete Correale. Tickets were \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door
- [Kindermusik with Ms Jenni](#) 100% of proceeds were donated from a Playdate! Cost per child was a suggested donation of \$15.

- [Rita's](#) discount cards with percentage of sales being donated.
- Holiday Giving – we provide a giving tree with names and gift suggestions
- A team participated in the Rugged Maniac in English Town, NJ. Beneficiary team participants receive a coupon code for half off the \$78 registration fee and then donate the saving.
- [Strike 'N Spare Lanes](#) fundraiser. Tickets were \$20 each and included 2 hours of bowling, shoes, dessert, coffee and 3 raffle tickets to win some incredible gift baskets.
- [Yellow Lollipop Photography](#) donated 15% off all profits for the entire month.
- [Fairways for Airways](#) has an annual event golf tournament and dinner
- [Elf on The Shelf](#) for Awareness
- [Super Sundaes](#) celebrates National Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day. 100% of proceeds were donated.
- [Petrocks Bar and Grille](#) set a goal to sell 500 bottles of water at 50 cents per bottle during the month of February and then match the funds raised.
- [Cub Scout Troop Pinewood Derby](#) sold bracelets and collected donations in the cafe.
- [PALS Play & Learn Preschool](#) dedicated their Spring fundraiser. Bulbs could be purchased from Dutch Mills Bulbs and 100% of the funds raised were donated.
- [Central Jersey Nurseries](#) hosted a BBQ and Family Fun Day
- [Athleta in Bridgewater](#) donated 10% of proceeds for a shopping date/time
- [Jersey Mikes Hillsborough](#) has a Day of Caring – 100% of proceeds donated