



Fundraising Ideas

- Host a Dinner:** Invite friends to a dinner or cocktail party and ask that they bring a charitable donation instead of bringing a gift or providing food. Let them know about the Pledge Challenge before they arrive and then reinforce the importance of the challenge at the party.
- Change Jar:** Let everyone know there is a spare change jar in the office and that all of the proceeds go to charity. Make sure you let colleagues know about the Pledge Challenge and the charities it helps.
- Garage Sale:** Have an individual or team garage sale on the weekend with the proceeds going towards the Pledge Challenge. Post a sign at the garage sale letting buyers know the profits will go towards charity.
- Silent Auction:** Ask your coworkers, friends and family to provide you with any items that is new or gently used. You will be surprised at the items you receive. You can also ask for a gift certificate from a restaurant or business you frequent regularly. Make bid sheets for these items and hold a silent auction at work or at a party. People get competitive and love a deal!
- Breakfast:** Bring bagels and cream cheese to work two - three times a week and put up a sign saying "By Donation". Most people will provide a donation that far exceeds the cost of the bagels and cream cheese. Or hold a hot pancake breakfast at work or a community event.
- Bake Sale:** Get team members to bring baked goodies (cookies, cupcakes etc.) to work and then sell them during coffee breaks or at lunch time. Make sure you highlight that donations will go towards charity.
- BBQ:** During your work week organize a BBQ for your fellow employees. Sell hot dogs, hamburgers, pop etc. This would be great for a Friday afternoon.
- Recycling:** Collect empty ink cartridges from your work, home, neighbours and friends, and then return for a refund. Check out www.fundingfactory.com for more details.
- Lottery:** This is a terrific way to make money fast. Hold a lottery in the office with half the proceeds going to the winner and the other half going to the Pledge Challenge.
- Bottle Drive:** Each member of the team can canvas their neighbourhood for empty bottles. *Remember* that beer bottles/cans as well as wine and spirit containers can all be returned to The Beer Store for a refund.

GET CREATIVE and HAVE FUN

If you are planning a special event as a fundraising activity, be sure to contact the Foundation Coordinator with the details so that we may assist you by promoting your event on our website: foundation@dragonboat.net or (613) 238-7711 ext. 223