



How to Raise \$500

Most people think fundraising has to be difficult, but with a little effort you can be very successful and have fun with it. Here's a simple plan to raise \$500:

Sponsor yourself for \$25	\$25.00
Ask your employer to match it	25.00
Have a simple dinner get together at your house, you provide the food and ask 10 guests to bring a contribution of \$25 or more	250.00
Ask your favorite restaurant to contribute 20% of an evening's proceeds on your behalf and get all your friends & coworkers to go eat there	100.00
Hit up your extended family, they can't turn you down	<u>100.00</u>
Total raised	<u>\$500.00</u>

Other simple fundraising ideas:

- Send an email or use Facebook to request donations from friends, family, coworkers, vendors, business associates, really anybody you can think of. Use the sample email provided on the "I CAN!" Ride page.
- Have a chili dog feed (or some other simple meal) at your office or church for lunch and either ask for a donation or \$5 a plate. Include a few side items to sweeten the deal. Sell cold soft drinks for \$1.
- Bring 3 boxes of donuts to work in the morning and sell them for \$1 each. Alternatively bake some cookies or brownies and sell them to coworkers for a great cause.
- Set a jar of jelly beans (or whatever you like) on your desk and sell guesses for \$2. After a week determine the winner, who gets the jar and a portion of the proceeds, restaurant gift card or other "prize".
- Run a 50/50 raffle. Sell raffle tickets for \$2, \$5 or \$10 over the course of a week. At the end draw a winner (must be present to win) who receives half of the money for their prize.
- Go to a store parking lot on a Saturday morning and wash car windshields. Leave behind a card telling the car owner how to make a donation on your behalf if they appreciate the simple service.
- Get permission from a local retailer to stand in front of their store and hand out free cans of pop or other cold drink. Attach a tag or note to the can asking the person to show their appreciation by making a donation on your behalf. A hot day is best.
- Run a car wash on a Saturday morning. Ask for donations rather than charge a fee. Many people will donate more than they would be willing to pay. It feels good!
- Take up a change collection. For 2 weeks ask your coworkers to donate their pocket change leftover from lunch. Make it an interdepartmental competition.
- Have a birthday party, but ask for donations instead of gifts.
- Be a gas station attendant for a day. Find a local gas station that will let you pump gas and wash windshields for their customers for a donation.
- Get permission to sell hotdogs and/or hamburgers outside a busy retailer for a Saturday lunch. Sell a combo of a burger or dog, chips and a drink for \$5.
- Blue Jeans day at work. Have employees make a donation (you set the amount) for the privilege of wearing blue jeans to work. Make sure the boss signs off!
- Get the boss to help. Come up with five activities the boss can do as a "payback" such as shave a beard, clean the restrooms, make the coffee for a week, etc. Set up contribution

jars labeled for each activity and have employees donate to "vote" on what the boss must do.

There are a myriad of other ways to mix some fun into your fundraising. Put on your creativity hat, do a web search, put a team together. You can make a difference! The kids are counting on you...