



Fundraising Ideas for Dream Team Kids

How You Can Get Involved!

If you think what you've been reading sounds cool and you want to become a Dream Team Kid, read on!

There are many ways for you to make a difference in another kid's life. We've assembled this handbook as a guide to some fundraising ideas for your group or class. Most of them only require a bit of planning and little to no upfront costs. Of course, you can use your imagination and creativity to come up with your own Dream Team Kid's project.

Please be sure to get an adult sponsor or mentor to help you with your efforts and let us know how you do – you could be the next Dream Team Kids to be featured on our website!

Thanks for your help and have fun!

Tips for Running a Dream Team Kids Fundraiser

1. Decide what your fundraiser is going to be
2. Enlist the help of an adult sponsor or mentor
3. Pick a date for your event
4. Get a team of kids together to help you with your event
5. Contact the Room To Dream Foundation for material about the charity to have on hand for interested parties. E-mail info@roomtodreamfoundation.org or call 617-332-3066.
6. Call your local paper or cable channel to get some coverage for your event
7. Take pictures for the Room To Dream Foundation website and newsletter!
8. Have a great time with your fundraiser!

Bake Sale

Ask your group to make baked goods to sell at school, before or after Temple or Mass, at a local sporting event, etc.

Bike-a-thon / Walk-a-thon / Dance-a-thon / etc.

Organize a bike, walk, dance...you name it – a-thon at your school, synagogue, church or other organization. Ask participants to get pledges per mile or hour of activity. Provide refreshments and prizes for the top 3 winners.

Can Drive - Collect empty bottles and cans

Start off about 1 or 2 weeks ahead of time by sending out or passing out flyers door to door telling the residents that you will be coming around on a designated date to collect recyclable cans and bottles to raise money for your charity.

Then on the designated date, go door to door and collect the cans and bottles. You will need several cars (trucks are helpful) to take them back to a location to be sorted. After sorting take them to the recycling center and collect the dollars! Alternatively, you could arrange to sit outside of a recycling center (with permission from the owners of course) and collect the cans and bottles from people dropping off their recycling. The best day for this would be Saturday morning.

Car Wash

Have a car wash on a Saturday morning at a central location in town. Put up flyers ahead of time and have people hold signs at main intersections to let car traffic know about the car wash.

Dress Down Day

This one works well for schools with uniforms. Choose one day when everyone can wear jeans and a sweatshirt to school – Friday is a good day for this. Charge everyone \$1 to participate.

Give Something Up for Charity

How about giving up something for a week for charity? Choose something to give up, such as watching TV, computer games, candy, junk food, etc. and get sponsored by friends and family. You can get pledges by the day or for the whole week.

Household Necessities Drive

Hold a drive to collect basic household necessities for families in need. Ask your church, synagogue, club, group or class to donate items over a two week period. You could also incorporate the drive with another party or event – just ask everyone attending to please bring a needed household item. You can download a [Room To Dream Suggested Shopping List](#) from our website.

Jellybean Jar

Fill a jar with jellybeans and have people pay a dollar to guess how many jellybeans are in the jar. The person that comes the closest without going over wins the jar.

Neighborhood Yard Sale

Let all your friends and neighbors participate in the yard sale. They will be happy to clean out their basement or garage for a good cause. Put up flyers or place an ad in the paper with all the details and directions to your sale. Don't forget to tell all your customers that all proceeds will go to your charity.

Penny / Coin Drives

Here's an easy and fun fundraiser suitable for any school or other organization with different classes or groups to set up some competition. It's called a penny drive. Each class or team competes against the all others. Each class decorates a large jar for their collections. The jars are set up in some accessible place, perhaps outside the school office. Be sure to arrange proper safeguards as necessary. The idea is to earn the most money for your class.

50/50 Raffle

50-50 raffles simply involve the sale of raffle tickets with the proceeds being split evenly between the winner and your organization. 50-50 raffles can be held at another party, event or sporting event. Tickets are sold before and during the event and the raffle occurs at the end. The winner receives $\frac{1}{2}$ the proceeds from the raffle with the other $\frac{1}{2}$ of the proceeds go to the charity.

Your only expense is the raffle tickets (a double ticket roll, a single ticket roll that you tear in half or a board with the numbers for sale). Winners are always happy with a cash prize. All you need is one or more ticket sellers. Raffle tickets normally sell for \$1 a piece, with an incentive for multiple purchases such as 3 tickets for \$2, or 5 tickets for \$4, etc. Using a price incentive for multiple tickets

can often increase your total sales and builds a larger 'pot' to split with the lucky winner.

All ticket stubs (or duplicate tickets or numbers, depending on your style of raffle tickets) are placed in a hat or other container from which one lucky number is drawn. The 'take' is tallied and one-half awarded to the holder of the lucky number. At a large function, with a sizeable pool of money expected, multiple prizes of perhaps \$100 or more could be awarded. Whatever the prize split, it should be determined ahead of time and used as a sales incentive. (i.e. "Buy a \$1 ticket and get 5 chances to win \$100). You can also consider different splits such as 60-40, 70-30 split, etc.