

Relay 365 Year Round Fundraising Ideas

Holiday Wrapping– Contact a local mall and ask if you can offer a gift wrapping service for a donation during the holiday season, or offer your wrapping services to co-workers during your lunch hour, and to family and friends.

Grey Cup or Super Bowl Party – Invite friend and family over to watch the game on your big screen TV for a donation. Provide drinks and snacks.

Gaming Night – Charge your friends to participate in a Rock Band, Guitar Hero or Wii tournament. Collect entry fees, and secure a prize for the winning team.

Gift Matching– Ask your company to match every dollar you raise.

Biggest Loser – Like the Biggest Loser TV Show, have co-workers pay to fee to enter and try to lose weight over a predetermined period of time. The winner at the end is the person who lost the biggest percentage of body weight. Try to get a prize donated for the winner.

Bowl-a-thon - Get an alley donated or at a discounted rate, have participants pay a flat rate to bowl in support of Relay.

Board Game Night – Invite your friends over on a cold winter night to play your favorite board games and charge them to play.

Lemonade or Hot Chocolate Stands – Involve your kids by setting up a lemonade or hot chocolate stand.

Presents – Instead of asking for gifts for the holidays or your birthday, ask people for a donation .

Sports Tournaments – Invite your friends to put teams into a ball hockey tournament for a fee per team and give away a prize to the winning team and best dressed team. Other sports you could have tournaments for: golf, volleyball, dodge ball, cricket, bowling, soccer, tennis, badminton, ping pong, etc)

Dress Down – Have a casual day at work. For a donation employees can wear jeans to work. If you already have casual Friday at your office, ask if you can host this event on another day of the week.

Sports Pool – Have friends and family pick players from a certain sport and keep tracking of their points all season for a certain amount. At the end of the season the winner gets half and donate the other half to Relay. You could also just do this for playoffs.

Christmas Cards – When you send out your Christmas cards let people know that you are fundraising for *Relay* and direct them to your website to make a donation.

Party – Invite friends and family over for a party and let them know that you are fundraising for *Relay*. During the party explain to guests why you *Relay* and ask for donations from your guests.

Piggybank – Keep a change jar at your desk or in a high traffic area such as the lunch room or front desk of your office. Make sure everyone knows where their change is going.

Breakfast – Invite your friends and neighbours over to enjoy pancakes, or another breakfast favorite, for a donation.

Monday Night Football or Hockey Night in Canada - Invite friends to come watch the game on your big screen for a donation.

Raffle – If you or someone of your team has won some electronics, like a DVD player or TV or concert tickets at a social or a contest on the radio that won't or can't be used, you can raffle it off at work, on Facebook, or just through family and friends. Let everyone know where the proceeds is going and they might dig a little deeper in their pockets.

Christmas Carols – Sing all the holiday favorites for your neighbors for donations.

Dog Walking – Charge your friends, neighbours and family a fee in exchange for walking their dog.

Scrapbook Event – Have a scrap booking night where you invite your friends over to share ideas and serve drinks and snacks for a donation.

Spa Party – Invite your friends over for manicures and facials. Try to get supplies donated from your local spa (you could try to get an esthetician to donate manicures)

Babysitting – Offer to provide babysitting services for a donation.

Car Wash – Host a community car wash for a donation to your team. Or do a **Topless Car Wash** – where you charge people to wash their car, but only the bottom half, charge them another dollar or two to wash the top half.

Bake Sale – Organize a bake sale at work. Everyone likes a tasty treat, especially when the money goes to a good cause.

Murder Mystery Party – Host a Murder Mystery Party and charge your guest to participate.

Karaoke Party – Find a friend with a Karaoke machine or go to a bar or restaurant with one. People can pay a certain amount to have a certain singer stop singing, or pay to not have to hear a song. You could also have people pay to have someone sing a specific song.

Barbecue – Have a barbecue in a parking lot of a busy shopping complex. Ask a local grocery store to donate the supplies you will need. Or host a BBQ in your backyard and invite neighbours, family, and friends, and charge everyone \$10 or \$15.

Book Sale – Collect your old books and ask coworkers to bring old books they don't want anymore into work and sell them with the proceeds go to your Relay team. Make sure to advertise this to your whole office or building.

Oscar Night Party – Invite friends over to watch the Oscars. You could have a theme and provide drinks and snacks to everyone.

Perogy Sale- Get together with family or friends and make Perogies for an afternoon. Sell them by the dozen and make sure people know where the proceeds are going.

Block Party – Invite your friends and neighbours over for an end-of-summer barbecue, an autumn leaf celebration, a mid-winter tropical party or a spring-break luau and charge admission or individually for food & activities.

Flamingo Alert! - Place a pink flamingo (or other fun lawn ornament) in someone's yard with a note that the flamingo will fly away for a donation.

Golfing - Next time you play have someone who doesn't make par donate for every stroke over.

Yard Work – Offer to cut your neighbour's grass, rake leaves, shovel snow or pull weeds for a donation.

Shave or Save – Find a few teammates or friends to put their hair on the line, they take containers around collecting money in one of two cans SAVE or SHAVE. The can with the most money in it by Relay decided the future of their hair. If there's more money in the SHAVE can, they have to shave their hair. Contact your relay committee so see if this can be done at the event.

Functions– Contact a local pub or community centre to inquire about holding a charity fundraiser like a Bud, Spud, & Steak. Team members can sell tickets to their friends, family and colleagues. This is a great way to catch up with old friends and meet new ones!

Fetch For Donations – Place a sign up sheet outside your office, teacher's lounge or even your own kitchen. Approach business owners with an offer to run errands (coffee runs, lunches, supply orders, etc.). Create a price list to match the errand and let them know their dollars go towards fighting back against cancer.

Pumpkins – Hold a pumpkin carving contest or grow a pumpkin patch to sell.

Team Buffet - Have your team organize a brunch or dinner with each team member bringing a couple of items. Have friends pay \$5 for a container or \$10 for "all you can eat".

Shine for a Donation – Shine co-workers, friends, or family's glasses, windshield, shoes for a donation.

Cook Offs - From chili to cookies to a good of BBQ, have a cook off for cancer and charge an entry fee or a tasting fee.

Yard Sale - Do you have 2 or 3 teams? Get everyone to donate their "stuff" for a yard sale in support of Relay.

Spring Cleaning - Team members donate their time to spring clean a room in a neighbour's home for a donation.

Dog Wash - Host a bubble bath for the neighbourhood pets, soap up Snoopy for a donation to Relay!.

Rake it in for a cure: Have team members offer to rake a neighbour's yard for a donation.

Movie Night - Invite friends over for popcorn and movies - charge admission.

Relay Bank - Provide each team member with a bank; have them put a toonie in every week until Relay

Garage Sale – Have team members gather old and unneeded items from their homes and host a team garage sale.

Tastings – Talk to a liquor store in the community about donating alcohol and charge your friends and family to come for a tasting. (Please refer to the Manitoba Lotteries' [website](#) for up-to-date regulations.)

Auction – Get friends, family, and local businesses to donate a variety of items and auction them off.

Casino – Host a poker tournament with proceeds benefiting *Relay For Life*. In place of the cash earnings, secure a prize for the winner. (Please refer to the Manitoba Lotteries' [website](#) for up-to-date regulations.)

Bottle Drive – Ask restaurants, pubs, family and friends if you can pick up their bottles after a busy weekend.

50/50 – Sell tickets to friends, neighbors, and colleagues. Click here for more information about raffle draws. (Please refer to Manitoba Lotteries' [website](#) for up-to-date regulations.)

Crafts – Do you have a special talent for making crafts? Sell items at a local craft fair and let people know that the proceeds will be going to *Relay For Life*.

Story Writing– Get your story published in a community, work or school newsletter. Direct readers to your online fundraising page to make a donation.

Talent Show – Host a neighborhood talent contest and charge a donation fee for entry. Have a prize donated for the winner.

Triathlon – Run, bike and swim for donations.

Relay Video – Film a video about why your team is involved in *Relay* and approach your local community TV station to air it, or post the video on YouTube.

Calendars– Visit your local photo developing shop to create inexpensive calendars using *Relay* photos from last year. Mark up the price and sell them to everyone you know, and put the difference towards your goal.

Sports Tournament – Seek donated ice time, field time or a community centre to host a charity sports tournament with your friends and family.

Movie Marathon – Get caught up on all your favorite shows and movies! Pick a weekend to rent an entire season of a television show or a favorite movie series and ask your friends and family for a donation to watch it on your big screen.

Dance Contest– Host a dance-off and bust out your best moves!

Makeover For Life – Set up a salon or makeover party for you and all your friends. Ask for donations in return for providing trendy hairdos and make-up.

Baby Photos – Ask employees to bring a baby or childhood photo of themselves that they believe no one can identify. Ask for a donation to make guesses for prizes.

Scavenger Hunt – Set up a scavenger hunt in your neighborhood and invite neighborhood kids to participate for a fee. Depending on how fun your neighbors are, you could also set up one of these for the adults in your neighborhood!

Saving Loonies – Cheaper than a cup of coffee! Donate a dollar a day to yourself and see your fundraising grow.

Afternoon Tea – Invite friends over for an afternoon tea with snacks and let them know you're collecting donations for Relay For Life and tell them about why you Relay. This is a great way to catch up with friends.

Fitness Challenge – Have coworkers donate money for you to bike or walk to work for a week (or longer!).

Haunted House – Decorate your house for Halloween and invite fellow ghosts and ghouls over. Ask for a donation from each victim.

Henna Party – Find someone who does Henna tattoos and will do them for donations to Relay. Invite friends and family over and serve drinks and snacks.

Eating Contest – Each contestant pays an entry fee. Solicit a prize for the winner and you could even get audience members to bet on their favorite for a donation– if they win, half the money goes to Relay and they get to keep the other half.

Pancake Breakfast – Make breakfast for co-workers at work for a donation or on a bigger scale hold it at your community center and advertise in your community. Make sure you tell everyone the proceeds will go to the Canadian Cancer Society *Relay For Life*.