



Manchester Children's Critical Care Fund

A-Z of fundraising ideas

A

All day event Ask your local pub or sports club if they can arrange a 24-hour sponsored event such as darts, squash or bridge.

Auction of Promises Try to get people to donate a gift, the promise of their time or use of their belongings. You can even ask people to donate themselves as 'slaves for the day'!

Aerobics If you enjoy keeping fit - or want to start - why not get people to sponsor you over a certain time?

Arts and Crafts Make necklaces dried flower arrangements, stained glass mirrors, etc, to sell on a stall.

Aerobics Organise a sponsored aerobathon with the help of gyms, leisure centres and sport shops.

B

Bring a Pound into Work Simply ask your colleagues to each bring a pound into work in aid of the charity you are raising money for.

Barbecue Hold a charity barbecue and charge people to come to your party.

Book Sale Dig out all those old books and have a book sale at home or at work.

Bad Tie Day Charge your colleagues a pound to come into work wearing their loudest tie.

Baked Bean Bath Get sponsored to spend the day in the bath of baked beans.

Bungee Jump Raise sponsorship by flying in the face of fear!

Bring and Buy Sale A great opportunity to snap up a bargain whilst raising money for a charity.

Bag it up Ask the local supermarket if you can bag customers shopping in exchange for a donation.

C

Car Boot Sale Get all those unwanted items stashed in the back of cupboards or in your loft and sell them at a car boot sale.

Coffee Morning Get all friends together and have a coffee morning, it's a great way to catch up on all the gossip!

Competition Hold a competition at work, at home or at a club.

Charge for favours Every time someone asks if you would do a favour, charge him or her.

Car Washing Wash cars belonging to family and friends for a fee. Or arrange with a local store to wash customer cars.

D

Dinner Dance Have a band, good food, organise a raffle and/or an auction.

Dry Cornflakes Set up a line of people and bet who will finish their bowl first.

Disco Organise a disco or 70's night - with fancy dress!

Dress Down Day Ideal if you work in an office environment where your colleagues might be keen for an opportunity to work in jeans.

Duck Race Sell numbered plastic ducks and launch them from a bridge. The duck to finish first is the winner! (A quacking idea to raise money for charity).

E

Easter Egg Hunt Edible hide and seek. Charge entry fee and ask confectioners to donate the Easter eggs.

Egg Rolling Competition Charge participants an entry fee to roll their hard boiled, decorated, egg down a hill. First intact egg wins.

EBay Sell all your 'stuff' in the loft on the eBay auction website, then donate a percentage of the profits. www.ebay.co.uk/community/charity

F

Fancy dress car wash. Ask everyone in your street if you can wash their car - dressing up in a zany outfit makes it more fun.

Football Tournament Schedule fixtures and charge teams to enter. Ask local businesses for prizes or sponsorship.

Film Show Recreate an evening of vintage cinema by showing classic films and musicals. Charge an entry fee and sell drinks and popcorn to boost your fundraising.

Fun Day/Face Painting Arrange games, music, raffles, etc, at a nearby hall or sports club.

Firewalking Charity firewalking is great way of fundraising and of giving the participant a night to remember.

G

Golf Match Organise a charity golf day.

Game show Host a mock version of Who Wants to be a Millionaire or The Weakest Link.

Guess The ??? Have a competition to guess how many sweets are in the jar, a how much a cake weighs. The closest answer wins.

Garden Parties Sell tickets to your family and friends to enjoy tea, cake and sandwiches in the sun.

H

Halloween Ball Another excuse to dress up and party. Charge an entrance fee and raise money 'trick or treating'.

Head Shave Go for it...no more bad hair days...go bald for charity!

I

- Ice Skating** Get people to sponsor you for how many times you can go around the rink without falling over..
- Ice Cream** How much ice cream can you eat in a minute? Ask people to sponsor you and find out.
- Indulgence Evening** Let your friends indulge in a little of what they fancy...from chocolate treats to massages.
- It's a Knockout** Revive the 80's game show by inviting teams to compete in silly games wearing silly costumes.
- Ironing** Offer your services at a cost.

J

- Jumble Sale** People love a good rummage and it's always a good fundraiser.
- Jailbreak** Dump teams in the middle of nowhere with no money or transport. See who gets back first. Charge an entrance fee and offer small prizes.
- Job Swap** Get sponsorship to have a break from your usual routine and swap jobs with a friend.

K

- Karaoke Evening** Ask a local pub to host a Karaoke night for you and charge people to get in or take part.
- Keep Fit-athon** Get sponsorship by the hour whilst exercising.

L

- Lunch Money** Ask all your colleagues to bring in sandwiches for their lunch and donate the money they saved to charity.
- Lunchtime Quiz** Stimulate the mind before heading back for the afternoon slog. Get together teams and charge to take part.
- Letter Party** Choose a letter from the alphabet and base everything around that letter...dress code, food, music, etc.

M

- Match the pet to the owner competition** Ask your colleagues to bring in one photo of themselves and one of their pet. Charge people £1 a time to match up all the photographs
- Murder Mystery Evening** 'Who dunnit?'...charge a fee to help solve the crime of the night.
- Masked Ball** Everyone wears a mask of his or her choice. Have a competition to guess who's who.
- Marathons** Get sponsorship to run a marathon or fun run.
- Matched Giving** Ask your employer to match the money you have already raised to double the cash.

N

Night in Stay in on a Saturday night and donate the money you save.

No Smoking Get people to sponsor you for giving up cigarettes.

No Drinking Revitalise your body and give up the bottle for a few weeks - ask people to sponsor you.

Nature Trail Offer guided walks, for a donation, to natural beauty spots.

O

Open Garden If you have a colourful garden, let all those garden lovers come and admire, for a charge.

Obstacle Course Charge a fee to take the challenge of running the obstacle course.

P

Publicity Send a press release to all your local papers asking for sponsorship from companies and individuals.

Photography competition Invite your friends to get their baby photos out and pay £1.00 a go to 'guess the baby'.

Paintballing Organise paintballing events at locally run centres.

Party Time What a good excuse for a party...raising money for your favourite charity. Charge family and friends an entrance fee...double the fee for those not in fancy dress.

Q

Quiz Nights always a favourite whether it is at home at work, in a club or in your local. Charge people to take part.

Question of Sport All you sports fanatics, make up your own questions and test your friends' knowledge.

R

Race night Hold a race night.

Raffle Ask local firms to donate prizes to raffle.

S

Shocking sock/tie day Those who take part are asked to donate £1, those who don't pay a forfeit of £2.

Snack attack Everyone gets peckish in the middle of the morning, so hold a cake or biscuit sale.

Sweepstake Run a sweepstake on how many times your boss gets a cup of tea or how many times your colleague leaves their desk during the day. £1.00 to have a go.

Sponsored Events Bike Ride, walk, silence, swim, slim, headshave.

Swap Shop You may not like filing or doing those chores around the house. Ask your friends to pool the things they hate doing and get everyone to bid for the ones they would like to do.

Swimathon Ask friends and family to sponsor you per length.

Swear Box Set up a box in your office, local pub or at home...charge a pound for every swear word uttered.

T

Treasure Hunt A challenge event for people, and a fun way to raise big money.

Theme days/nights Jazz up the winter months and hold a themed event.

Tombola Get some raffle tickets and persuade your friends and colleagues to donate prizes. It's hard to resist a chocolate tombola.

Tabletop Sale It's an indoor car boot sale without having to fight the weather.

U

University Challenge Collect together teams who attend(ed) the same or nearby universities and hold a challenge to see which university comes top.

Unwanted Gift Sale/Raffle Your unwanted gifts could help raise money for charity.

V

Variety Show Round up your talented friends and tread the boards, charging for admission.

W

Wine Tasting Invite an 'expert' or local wine dealer to bring along a few cases of wine and donate the proceeds to charity.

World Food Night Prepare different dishes from around the world and sell them to family and friends.

Walks Lead organised walks, for a donation, to places of interest. Ghost walks are also very popular.

Waxing Not for the faint hearted...do you know a man who could do with a chest wax?? Get sponsorship for waxing your fella's chest or legs.

X

X-Files Party Dress up as your favourite character.

X Marks the Spot A treasure hunt with every team paying a fee to enter. The winning team win the 'treasure'.

Y

Yankee Doodle BBQ Invite family and friends to your 'Yankee Doodle BBQ' and encourage them to wear fancy dress. Charge a fee for your famous burgers.

Yorkshire Pudding Aunt Bessie makes the best, see how many you can eat. Get your friends to run a sweepstake.

Yo-Yo Competition How long can you keep yours going for? Charge a participating fee and offer a small prize for the winner.

Z

Zebedee Look-alike Party For all you Magic Roundabout fans.

Zombie Party Fancy dress opportunity for all you horror film addicts.

Zodiac Evening Invite a guest astrologer to read horoscopes...charge a fee for each reading.