

Be Creative & Have Fun! – Fundraiser Ideas

There are endless opportunities to get creative with your fundraising campaign. The Walk for Apraxia is a **FUN** fundraising event, after all! Here are some examples of the most fun and creative fundraising ideas we've seen over the years.

If you would like further support when hosting a fundraiser, complete [this form](#) and the Apraxia Kids staff will be in touch.

Here Are Some Ideas to Get You Started:

- Enlist your friends to host a bake sale, pancake breakfast, or car wash.
- Deliver homemade goods in exchange for donations.
- Think about ways you can help people in your neighborhood or network - mowing the lawn, shoveling snow, organizing closets, baking cookies, taking down holiday lights, addressing invitations, etc- and exchange your service for donations.
- Don't wait for your donors to think of it - get online and research your friends' and family's employers on a matching gift tool and encourage them to get their contribution matched.
- Consider asking for donations toward your fundraising goal in lieu of birthday gifts this year.
- Add the URL for your fundraising page to your email signature.
- Take on a freelance project and donate the proceeds you earn.
- Give out money jars and ask people to save their change for a month and then use it to donate to your fundraising.
- If you have a donor who is willing to give \$500 or more to your fundraising, leverage that as a 'matching gift.' Pick a time frame and tell your network that every dollar they give during this time will be 'matched' by that anonymous donor, up to a certain dollar amount.

- Rent a movie projector and invite friends over to your backyard movie theatre. Due to movie licensing, releasing the title of the movie or selling tickets is not permitted. Instead either ask for a suggested donation, sell concession items, or both!
- Ask a sports facility or fitness instructor to donate their space and/or time to host a tournament or class you can sell tickets or accept donations for.
- Accept donations to tune-up your neighborhood bikes before the weather warms up. Bike maintenance skills required.
- Host a dinner party or cocktail hour, and rather than asking your guests to bring a beverage or a dish, encourage them to make a contribution to your campaign.
- As football season starts up, host a tailgate to celebrate your favorite team. Ask your neighbors, friends, or even a local restaurant to donate food and beverages for the party, then charge admission to watch, eat and enjoy the game! Adding in yard games like corn hole can create fun competitions and opportunities for additional donations for entry.
- Host an Adult Spelling Bee! Take it way back to elementary school and ask each participant to contribute funds for their entry fee. Ask for in-kind donations from local businesses to be offered as your grand prize!
- Before the summer heat kicks in, pick a weekend morning to sell those old clothes and forgotten treasures sitting around your home in a garage sale. Ask a local coffee shop to donate hot drinks and/or pastries to sell. Bonus points if you ask your neighbors to join, too.
- Host a chili or soup cook-off with your co-workers or neighbors. Tasting judges can be charged for each voting ballot and whoever gets the most votes is crowned "Master Chef!" (Bragging rights included.)