



**Fundraising Ideas for Community Clubs and Groups**  
**Recommended for: Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis Clubs, Porch Clubs, Red Hat Society Members, Girl/Boy Scout Troops, Sports Teams, and Other Social and Community Service Groups**

**Bake Sale:**

Have volunteers bring in individually priced baked goods to sell. Choose a time and location for your sale where you will be exposed to a large audience. [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

**Bingo Night:**

Everyone loves playing Bingo, and putting together a Bingo night is simple. You will need a room with lots of tables and a Bingo caller. You can download and print your own Bingo cards for free. Also make a plastic tumbler for hand painted ping-pong balls for selecting each number and you're good to go. Charge either a general admission fee or a fee per game, and give donated prizes to the winners. [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

**Board Game Night:**

Host a board game night and have your team members lend board games. You can either have your guests pay a general participation fee or a fee per game. You can play rounds of games in a tournament style and have a playoff for the winners. Have simple prizes for your winners at the end of the night. [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

**Bowl-a-Thon:**

A bowling fundraiser can be a really fun way to raise money for your team. Simply rent a group of lanes or the entire building from a bowling alley, and start soliciting teams. Before purchasing lanes, ask the bowling alley if they will donate some or all of the lanes to you. Charge an entry fee for participants and spectators. You can even set it up tournament style or have donated prizes awarded for most strikes, lowest score, or even most gutter balls! [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

**Carwash:**

Pick a busy location for your carwash such as a gas station, fire station, shopping center, or even your own organization's meeting center. Make sure your location has exterior water access and that you have permission to use the space and water. Make signs to promote the event, gather your team members and supplies, and then you're ready to go! [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

**Casino Night:**

For a casino night you will need a space to host your event, game tables, and dealers from a party rental company. You may also need a special permit to host games of chance if your vendor requires one. Set your ticket price to cover the cost of your casino rentals. Ask friends and local restaurants to donate food. Sell casino chips for guests to gamble with. At the end of the night, have guests cash in their chips for raffle tickets that they can use to try to win donated prizes. Draw the winning raffle tickets and announce your winners. [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

**Coin Drop:**

Gather your team members to stand on a local street corner and solicit cars as they are stopped at lights. Everyone has spare change in their car and will donate to a worthy cause. Wear your Autism Speaks t-shirts and make sure you have general information about autism to share. Also be prepared to share your personal connection to the mission.

**Coloring Contests:**

Ask a local restaurant to host a coloring contest. Use the Autism Speaks puzzle piece as your template. Have children color puzzle pieces at their tables as they wait for their dinners, and parents can donate money to have their child's artwork entered into the contest. The artwork should be displayed throughout the restaurant for a pre-determined amount of time and then a winner should be chosen. Ask the restaurant if they will provide a gift certificate to their establishment as a prize! [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

**Concessions at Local Events:**

This can be a day of fun for your team while earning donations at the same time! Contact your local sports teams, especially at the high school and college level, and get on their list of concession stand volunteers. You typically have to sign up far in advance because this is a popular fundraiser. Bring your team members and assign everyone to different tasks such as grilling burgers, making soft pretzels, handing out drinks, and being cashiers. After the game, your team will receive a certain percentage of the day's total. [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

**Cookbook Sales:**

Recognize all of the talented cooks from your community or club. Identify where to send recipes as well as a due date in your community newsletter. Compile all the recipes into a cookbook and sell them for donations to Autism Speaks. To make this fundraiser even more fun, host a potluck before you create the book to taste everyone's recipes. [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

**Fundraising Night at a Local Restaurant/Bar:**

Call around to your local restaurants, pubs, and bars and ask them if they do fundraising days/nights for clubs or charities. Create fliers to hand out around your community or club to promote your event, and when someone makes a purchase on the night of your event, you'll receive a percentage of the sale. [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

**Karaoke for a Cure:**

You will need a karaoke machine, a hall or gymnasium to host the event, and a passionate crowd of would-be American Idols. Charge attendees a general admission fee, and also charge them \$1 per song to buy into the contest. You can also ask the audience to donate money to hear a high-profile club leader or member sing. Don't forget to inspire and reward your performers. Ask local businesses to donate prizes for best performance, funniest performance, etc. Prizes can range from the extravagant, like an iPod, to a \$5 gift certificate from the local ice cream place. Even simple printed awards for best group performance can work! [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

**Letter Writing Party:**

Set up tables and supplies in a large meeting room, have everyone bring a list of people to send letters to, and be ready to start writing! For inspiration you can show a video about autism or invite a parent, grandparent, service provider, or sibling to talk about their experiences with autism. [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

**Live or Silent Auction:**

Form a committee and ask them to solicit donations for auction items throughout their communities. Advertise the auction to members of your club and encourage them to invite family and friends to attend. Also spread the word about your event by hanging fliers around your meeting space, and by placing an ad in your local newspaper. Package your auction items and invite your participants to bid away! [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

**Pancake Breakfast:**

Prepare breakfast before a club gathering or host this event on a special meeting date if that's more convenient for your group. Make sure to advertise it to all members, and encourage them to invite their family and friends. Be sure to include the event in your community newsletter and place fliers at popular community destinations like convenience stores, the library, post office, gyms, etc. Make everyone aware that proceeds will benefit Autism Speaks, and charge each person a designated amount per meal. [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

**Puzzle Piece Campaign:**

Have each member of your club or group sell Autism Speaks puzzle pieces for \$1 to their families and friends. Display them in a prominent location at your meeting space to raise awareness. [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

**Video Game Tournament:**

Have someone bring in a gaming system and set it up in your meeting space. Wii Bowling tournaments are popular, as are Guitar Hero or Rockband tournaments. Each participant pays to play in the tournament. A tournament bracket should be created and participants will move forward in the tournament as they win each round. [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

**Yard Sale:**

Advertise your sale in your community newsletter far in advance. Have each of your club or group members donate items for the sale. Have everyone come early the morning of the sale to help set up and price all of the items. Place signs around your community the morning of the sale. Be sure to let your buyers know that all proceeds will benefit Autism Speaks. [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

**Contact your local Autism Speaks office for step-by-step instructions about how to host each of the fundraisers or if you want materials to display at your event such as brochures and Walk Now for Autism Speaks banners.**