



Fundraising in the Workplace: Specifically In Offices

Fundraising in the office can be a great way to promote teambuilding and boost company morale, especially because many of these fundraising ideas are a lot of fun!

50/50 Raffle on Pay Day:

Purchase a roll of raffle tickets and sell tickets to your coworkers for a donated fee. When a ticket is purchased, rip off one end and give it to the donor. Make sure you have their name and contact information on the other half and place it in a container. When it comes time to draw the winner, simply draw a ticket from the bucket and announce the winner. The winner will receive half of the amount collected from the ticket sales and the other half will be donated to Autism Speaks. Paydays are the perfect time to sell raffle tickets! [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

Ask for a Matching Gift:

If your company offers a matching gift program, you can easily double your fundraising efforts. Because of its fundraising potential, encourage your colleagues to join you. Any donation—no matter how big or small—can now be doubled by your company! Ask your Human Resources department for the proper forms.

Basket War:

Each department/unit within your office will be responsible for creating a basket as a team. Each team will pick a theme for their basket and collect items to include inside. The baskets will be raffled off, and whichever team's basket receives the most raffle tickets will win the competition. Prizes for the winning team could include pizza party, ice cream social, or dress down day. [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

Casual Day:

Get approval from your office manager to host a jeans or casual day. Make sure to advertise the event by posting fliers on bulletin boards and by sending out emails to colleagues. On casual day, ask the office manager to collect funds from all who are dressed down.

Coffee Sales:

Many local coffee shops and even national distributors have special group deals for fundraisers. They will give you a basic cost, and you can sell their coffee at a marked-up rate to raise money for your team. You can either take pre-paid orders or buy the coffee ahead of time to sell at your office.

Cubicle Decorating Contest:

Have your co-workers decorate their cubicles and pay a donation to enter the contest. Everyone in the office will vote on whose cubicle is the most creative and this person will win a prize! Prizes can include a good parking spot, a free lunch, or a half-day off.

Office Olympics:

To participate in this event, your colleagues will make a donation and are then divided into competing teams. Use your imagination and create fun games for your Olympic competitions. Some ideas include a putting contest, paper football game, elastic band firing contest, fastest tie-tying contest, office chair races, or the longest paperclip chain in 15 seconds. Have a score-keeper for each team and the team who wins the most events wins the Olympics! Have a closing ceremony to present medals or prizes such as an extended lunch period or pizza party for the winning team. [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

Penny War:

This fundraiser is perfect for any office setting! First, all participants need to divide into teams. A good way to divide into teams is by department or floor. Each team should decorate and personalize their container. Participants should put pennies (positive points) in their own containers, while placing silver coins and paper money (negative points) in the competing teams' containers. There should be a set date for the end of the competition, and the team with the most positive points at the end wins. [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

Photo Contest:

Hold a "stumper" photo contest! Ask employees to bring in a baby picture or childhood photo of themselves that they believe no one can identify. Those who wish to guess should make a donation, and those who guess correctly will win a prize.

Puzzle Piece Campaign:

Sell Autism Speaks puzzle pieces for \$1 and display them in a prominent location in your office to raise awareness. You can turn this fundraiser into a competition between departments and floors by encouraging each team to sell the most puzzle pieces. Have a prize for the team who raises the most awareness and money! [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

Raffle off Incentives for Employees:

Raffle off incentives to your coworkers such as a long lunch break, a half day off, or a good parking spot. Be creative with these incentives! Each employee gives a donation to enter into the raffle.

Set Up a Link to Your Donation Page in Your Email Signature:

First, make sure you are registered for the 2009 walk and that you have personalized your team website. Also personalize your email signature to let others know that you are participating in the walk, and include a link to your team page. This is the easiest way to spread the word about the walk and to show people how easy it is to make a donation to your team.

Skunk Your Co-Workers:

In this fundraiser, a stuffed skunk is placed on desks at work. If the skunk appears on your desk, it will only go away if you make a donation to Autism Speaks. However, if you want to avoid being skunked at all you have to purchase anti-skunk insurance at the beginning of the competition.

Video Game Tournament:

Have someone bring in a gaming system and set it up in a conference or break room. 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.](#)

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.