



## **How to Host a Basket War Fundraiser**

### **The Basics:**

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 (i.e. sports, night on the town, pampering, etc.) and will purchase a large basket, tub, or container for their items.

### **Organizing Your Basket:**

Team members will solicit donations for their team's basket. For example, a sports-themed basket might include an autographed photograph or jersey and tickets to a sporting event. For a night-on-the-town-themed basket, you will have items such as a gift certificate to a local restaurant and a limo ride. You can even include monetary donations inside the basket to increase its value. Be creative when decorating your basket—design it so that it attracts attention and entices people to try to win it. Display a list of everything that is inside your basket and place it alongside a bucket to collect raffle tickets. Remember, you can also be creative with your bucket! Be sure to number your basket and make sure your department name is listed next to it.

### **Display the Baskets:**

Pick a central location where all of the baskets can be on display, but also pick somewhere safe where theft won't be an issue.

### **Selling Your Raffle Tickets:**

Have a table set up near the baskets and have someone sell raffle tickets there. Pick certain hours of the day to sell them, and make everyone aware of the days and hours when tickets will be sold. Once people purchase raffle tickets, they should place them in the bucket designated for the basket they want to win. Draw and announce your winners on a designated date!

### **Create a Friendly Competition between Departments:**

If you want to make your contest more fun for your participating departments, set up a competition between the basket makers. The department's basket that receives the most raffle tickets in the end will win a prize such as a pizza party, dress down day, an extended lunch hour, or ice cream social.

**Contact your local Autism Speaks office for autism-related materials to display at your event, such as brochures and Walk Now for Autism Speaks banners.**