# FUNDRAISING IDEAS

# A Personal Fundraising Web Page

Customize your Fundraising page with your own story, and ask for donations. <u>Click here</u> to get started.

# Host a Home Product Party

Host a Thirty-One Gifts party or other home sales products fundraiser show, either a home show or catalog/facebook show, and ask for up to 20% of sales to donate.

#### Host a Poker or Bunco Party

Get your family and friends together to have "Fun for Funds."

#### **Host a House Party**

Charge a cover fee at the door.

#### **Intersection Ask**

Get permission from local authorities in your town to block off an intersection and allow you to stand in the intersection with buckets (similar to a fireman's fill the boot fundraiser), and ask passers-by for donations.

#### **Email Blasts**

Ask everyone and every company you know if they can do an email blast for you promoting the cause and asking for support.

# **Charity Fundraiser Garage Sale**

Know all that stuff that's been hanging out in your garage, attic, or basement? Gather it up and ask your friends to do the same. Put it in your front yard and sell, sell, sell! Put all the money raised toward your fundraiser! Put up a sign and mention that the funds will benefit Hunter's Hope.

# **Bake Sale**

Everyone loves baked goods, but many do not have time to bake. Ask your friends to join you and host a bake sale. You can even have it in conjunction with your garage sale. Or sell lemonade and coffee.

# Extra Change from My Pocket Box

Create little boxes or containers for your friends and family, then have them place it on their dresser. At the end of the day they can drop their spare change in the box. At the end of a selected time period, gather the boxes and see how much you've raised.

# Answering Machine and Cell Phone Voice Mail Message

Edit your message to alert everyone who calls you at home or on your cell phone that you're up to something special! Let them know you need their support and tell them how to donate.

# Ask the Bartender and Wait Staff at Local Restaurants to Donate a Portion of One Day's Tips

Ask them to donate a portion of their tips from one night. You can create signage for them to place at the bar or behind the hostess stand that says "A portion of all tips collected tonight will go directly to Hunter's Hope (or your fundraiser name), to provide care and support services to Leukodystrophy Children." If patrons see the sign they may be willing to dig a little deeper in their pockets.

# Ask Your Local Restaurants to Place a Money Jar at the Front of the Restaurant

Check with the restaurant manager. They may be willing to place a collection jar in a high traffic area so many patrons can see it and donate.

# Host a Fundraising Dinner at a Local Eatery

Ask your favorite local restaurant to host a fundraising dinner for you. They supply the food and you supply the pledge forms, or ask them to donate a portion of that evening's sales to the cause.

# Wine and Cheese Party

Host a wine and cheese party at home, or ask a local restaurant to donate the wine and cheese in exchange for you promoting their facility, and bring in your friends.

# **Happy Hour Party**

Invite all your friends (and their friends!) to join you at a bar and ask for a \$10 donation. Arrange with a local bar to bring in your friends and ask for a donation from the bar as well.

# **Theme Party/Dinner**

Host a theme party for 10 (or more) of your friends. Ask for a per person donation, purchase and cook the food and enjoy! Ex: Ask 10 friends for \$50 per person, purchase food costing no more than \$20 per person and you'll have raised \$300 at the end of the night.

# Host a Movie Party at Your House

Pick up a new flick at your local movie store (or choose one from your Netflix, Hulu, or another streaming service), make popcorn, pick up some refreshments and invite your friends and family over for a movie night. Of course, have your fundraising page open and ready to click, or charge guests a movie "ticket" fee.

#### Make a Birthday Gift Pledge

Ask for donations to Hunter's Hope for your birthday, rather than gifts. This is a very simple way to raise money and it will be a lot easier for your friends and family to write a check instead of spending hours trying to shop for you. Post it on Facebook too!

#### Make a Christmas Gift Pledge

Ask for donations to Hunter's Hope rather than Christmas gifts this year. We know this can be a hard one!

#### Valentine's Day Pledge

It's always nice to get a dozen roses from your sweetheart, but it'll be even sweeter for them to donate in your honor to your favorite cause.

#### Delegate

Ask 10 of your friends to contact 10 of their friends and ask them to donate \$10 each to help you raise money for Hunter's Hope.

#### **Involve Your Creative Friends**

Find a local artist or ask a creative friend if they would donate a piece of art or some jewelry that you can auction off.

# **House Warming Party**

Are you moving soon? If so, ask your friends to donate instead of purchasing a gift for your new space.

#### **Signing Your Correspondence**

Get in the habit of signing your note cards and letters with your name AND your fundraising URL. You'll be surprised how many people ask you what that means, and maybe donate.

# **Travel Agency**

Do you always make your travel plans through the same agency? Ask them to donate a travel voucher. You can auction it off at a party, or have a raffle for it.

#### **Involve Your Local Radio**

Call your favorite radio station and ask them to make an announcement on the air. They may even interview you.

# Ask Your Gym

Ask your gym to place a pledge jar at the front desk.

### Ask Your Hair Stylist

Ask your barber or hairdresser to donate \$2 for every haircut they complete over a select time period.

#### Jars Everywhere

Ask everyone you do business with or places you frequent to display a donation jar and collect donations for a set period of time.

# **Christmas Tree Ornaments and Other Crafts**

Get creative (and ask some friends to pitch in) and make some Christmas tree ornaments for the season. Sell them at a local bazaar or fair.

#### **Mow-A-Thon**

Get your kids involved in this weekend activity. Check ahead of time with all your neighbors and ask them if you can mow their lawn for a donation (you can set the price too).

#### **Involved Your Neighborhood**

Write a note to all your neighbors on your block (or in your building). Include what you are fundraising for and ask them to donate.

#### **Personal Assistant**

Offer to be your friends and/or coworkers personal assistant for a day (or maybe just a couple hours) in exchange for a large donation. Maybe \$200 or more?

#### **Garden Tour**

Check with a local historical society to see if they would sponsor a garden tour of one or several homes in your areas. Promote the event in local newspapers.

# **Meet the Press**

Does your company distribute a newsletter? Does your company have interoffice e-mail? Take advantage of these, it's a perfect way to get the word out.

# Babysitting

Offer your services and let your friends have a nice, quiet night out of the house, in exchange for a donation.

# Pet Sit

Are your neighbors going away and don't want to board their pet? Offer your services and charge them what they would have paid at the facility.

#### **House Sit**

Friends or family going out of town for a while? Maybe they need someone to stay at their place while they are out. Offer to do so for a donation.

#### **Neighborhood Chores**

Are you a Mr. or Ms. Fix-It? Your neighbors would probably rather pay you than someone else. Place signs around your neighborhood advertising your services (i.e. watering gardens, weeding, cleaning roof gutters, sweeping the driveway, fixing an easy plumbing problem, painting a room, etc.).

#### **Karaoke Night**

Who cares if you can't carry a tune. Spend a Friday night at a Karaoke Bar and sing your heart out! Have the announcer tell the crowd that you're singing for pledges!

#### **Talented Friends**

Do you have a little piano bar in your neighborhood and a talented piano playing friend? Ask the owner to let you bring some friends in for a cocktail and piano night. Charge anyone who attends and let them know what it's a fundraising event for.

#### eBay.com

Round up items from your basement, attic, and/or garage, and from your friends, then put it all on ebay.com to be auctioned off. Use eBay's charity arm to sell your items so they do not charge a commission.

#### **Company Vacation Days**

Ask your boss or human resources director if they can swap one of your vacation days for a day's pay to donate to the Foundation.

#### Host a Game Night

Get out those board games and start playing! Break into teams and let the fun begin. Charge an entrance fee!

# **Bowling Night**

Plan a fun night of bowling at your local lanes. Ask the owner to waive the cost of bowling and then collect that money and turn it in to a donation.

# **Church Bulletin**

Place an advertisement in your Church bulletin asking for donations.

### **Get Your Students Involved**

Are you a teacher? Get your students involved to help you fundraise. Kids are incredibly creative and cute too!

#### **Ask Other Parents**

If your kids play on a sports team or in a league distribute a poster or flyer to the other parents at a game and ask for donations.

#### It's Game Time!

Host a party around a sporting event (football game, baseball game, tennis match, etc.), at your house and ask for donations.

#### **Rock On**

Do you know any musicians, ask them to perform a benefit concert. Tell people that their admission ticket is a check made out to Hunter's Hope or your fundraiser.

#### **Party Animal**

Offer to be the entertainment at a party. Throw on a costume and get out there! Guests will have fun and be happy to donate. You could be a princess, a pirate, a Buffalo Bills Quarterback, or something else.

# **Movie Ticket Donation**

Ask your local movie house to donate several movie tickets, then sell them and put the money toward your fundraising goal.

#### Your Own Personal Friend Matching Gift

Ask a friend if they can investigate getting their company to match pledges. If they donate \$500 or more, we will put their company website on your bio page for the world to see.

# **Corporate Sponsorship**

Identify one or several large companies and contact them directly. They may be willing to sponsor you completely. If they donate \$500 or more, we can put their company website on your bio page for the world to see.