



## ***25 FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR 25 MILES...***

Here are just a few fundraising ideas you can use to get donations for your COPSWALK.

1. Create your online fundraising page on the COPSWALK website.
2. Ask your employer to have a casual day. In exchange for getting to dress casual, the employees can make a donation to COPSWALK.
3. Ask your donors if their employers have matching gifts programs. They can ask their human resources department for forms that can double their gift.
4. Gather your friends and family for a game night. Get out a money jar so they have to donate when they say a certain word.
5. Set up a treadmill at your local supermarket or mall. Have a family member or friend ask for donations while you train for your COPSWALK in public. (Don't forget to obtain permission!)
6. Sell space on T-shirts. Suggest a minimum of \$25 donations to have names of businesses or individuals placed on your "training shirts". Make sure to take a picture for all those who donate. Then ask your screen printing company to make your shirt as a donation or at a reduced cost to you.
7. Give 25 friends and family member's donation forms and ask them to get donations for your COPSWALK.
8. Have a wine-tasting party. Ask the owners or management of a local winery to host this event and charge at the door. (Don't forget to add a silent auction!)
9. Ask your local Police Department to help fingerprint kids in your community during a local festival or event. Ask for a donation for those who visit your booth to have their children fingerprinted. Contact your local newspaper to advertise the event.
10. Host a tailgate party at your local sporting events. Ask supermarkets to donate the food.
11. Host a cake decorating contest with a minimum donation of \$25 for the entry fee. Ask local malls or grocery stores to host the event.
12. Ask local businesses to donate items for "chair-ity" raffle. Include sports tickets, theater tickets, free haircuts, coffee shop gift cards, a bottle of wine, dinner for two, camping equipment – the sky's the limit! Place items in a travel chair or stadium seat. Sell raffle tickets for \$5 to \$10 each.
13. Ask your local bowling alley to host a 9-pin tournament for your COPSWALK.
14. Ask a local bar and grill to host a theme party (ugly sweater party, safari party, Christmas in July) and ask to keep the cover charge.
15. Host a Karaoke contest. Ask for a donation as the entry fee.
16. Hold a pajama pancake run. This is fun for all ages. Divide participants into age categories and do timed races. Ask a local grocery store or pancake house to donate a pancake breakfast in conjunction with the races.
17. Hold a mini-golf tournament. Ask schools and churches to hand out flyers for this great family activity.
18. Have a bakeless bake sale. Ask individuals you would normally ask to bake to make a donation instead of a pie or cake.

19. Make an announcement in your home-town newspaper that you are participating in COPSWALK.
20. Host a pancake breakfast at a school or church. Ask supermarkets to donate supplies.
21. Make presentations to local Rotary, Kiwanis and Optimists Clubs. Show the DVD and ask for support.
22. Hold a 50/50 raffle at one or more of your local events.
23. Use social media, such as Facebook and Twitter to let your friends know you are fundraising for COPSWALK.
24. Host a barbeque contest. Ask local restaurants to take part in the contest with a \$25 donation for the entry fee.
25. Host your own local 5k walk.

Many communities have local laws governing fundraising activities such as raffles, garage sales, handing out flyers, etc. Please contact your local government to ensure you are in compliance with local laws. You will also want to make sure you have volunteers who are committed to help you with events you have planned.