

# Kids For Wish Kids® Fundraising Ideas from A-Z



## A

- **Art Sales:** Showcase student art, or invite local artists to contribute pieces for an art show. Charge for admission, sell refreshments, and allow attendees to purchase art.
- **Auctions:** Put together a live or silent auction at your school.

## B

- **Bake Sale:** Have a bake sale at school and have parents or local businesses donate baked goods.
- **Babysit/Pet Sit:** Offer to watch your neighbors or family friend's children or pets; and then donate your payment.
- **Bracelets:** Show your support for Make-A-Wish® by purchasing and wearing a blue Make-A-Wish bracelet. You can purchase bracelets through your local chapter.
- **Book Sale:** Bring in old books to donate and sell at a school book sale to raise money.
- **Bottle Drive:** Set up a box or container up in your home and/or school to collect returnable bottles and donate the change.
- **Balloon Day:** Sell a blue star balloon with a message attached for \$2 each at school. Take orders in advance and then deliver the balloon messages to recipients.
- **Bowl-a-thon:** Host a bowl-a-thon and get pledges per pin that you knock down.

## C

- **Car Wash:** Hold a car wash at your school or a local business. Try saying "donations accepted" instead of charging a set price (people tend to give more).
- **Carnation Sale:** Everyone enjoys getting flowers! Have classmates purchase carnations and send them to a special someone.
- **Coin Drive:** Place containers in each department or classroom. Ask everyone to contribute spare change for a week or period of time. (Optional: Give the winning class / team a prize such as a pizza party or ice cream social)
- **Concession Stands:** Set up a concession stand or booth at a game or community event.
- **Cook Off:** Guests attending pay a set price which includes dinner and a school event (ex: basketball ticket for that night's game). Guests are served dinner, and receive ballots to rank their favorite cook off items. Announce the top 3 at half time of the game.



- **Cooking Class:** Ask a local chef or baker to come teach a cooking class and ask for donations.
- **Celebrate:** Turn your birthday or graduation celebration into a fundraiser. Ask guests to donate to Make-A-Wish instead of giving gifts.

## D

- **Dance-A-Thon** Create a new event where participants dance 'til they drop (not literally, please) or include a Make-A-Wish dance-a-thon as part of an existing school dance. Solicit pledges per minute danced or donate a portion of the ticket price.
- **Dress Down Day:** For donations, students (with uniforms) can dress down for the day. This can also work for a theme (such as pajama day).
- **Dog Wash:** Set up a dog wash in your front yard and have all the dogs in the neighborhood come over and get a bath. Of course, ask for a donation!

## E

- **Eating Contest:** Have a contest amongst students and teachers to see who can eat the most! Have them donate an entrance fee for who they think will win.

## F

- **Fashion Show:** Work with new or existing clothing stores to hold a fashion show. You could have it at the local mall, school or use a club hall.
- **Flower Sales:** Work with a local florist or wholesaler and sell bouquets, potted flowers or individual stems (carnation or roses) at school.

## G

- **Game Night:** Host a game night at the school to play board game, charades etc. Charge an "entrance" fee.
- **Garage Sale:** Ask all of your friends and neighbors to participate by donating items for a garage sale. Make signs that advertise that all proceeds are going to support your local Make-A-Wish chapter.
- **Golf Tournament:** Put together a golf tournament for parents and teachers, and have the proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish.

## H

- **How Many in the Jar?:** Load up a jar full of goodies and ask students to guess how many is in the jar. Ask for a donation to guess, and give the winner a small prize.



- **Haunted House:** This is the perfect fundraiser for Halloween. Organize a haunted house and charge admission. You can also sell treats, refreshments or bob for apples.

### I

- **Ice Cream Socials:** Plan an ice cream social at school; and sell or ask for donations for ice cream, or charge per topping served.

### J

- **Jail & Bail:** For a donation students or teachers can be “arrested”. For an additional donation they can post their own bail, or students or teachers have a bounty placed on their head, are arrested and are not set free until the entire bounty is raised (\$100 or more per inmate). This activity can also be done on site at an event.

### K

- **Karaoke:** Students/guests pay \$2.00 per song or people can “donate” \$5 and pick someone in the audience to go up and sing (teachers, principal, peers, etc.).

### L

- **“Loose Change Day”:** Have a “Loose Change Day” at school and make a flyer encouraging students to bring in loose change to donate to Make-A-Wish. Ask your school’s math classes to get involved by counting, predicting, and rolling the change. This is a great way to involve the entire school.
- **Letter Writing:** Send letters or emails to your friends and family explaining why you’re fundraising for Make-A-Wish and ask for a specific donation amount.

### M,N,O

- **Make-A-Wish Star Sales:** Create a gallery wall of support for Make-A-Wish. Students purchase paper stars for \$1 (or other pre-determined donation amount), sign their name and post it on the wall. You can purchase paper stars through your local chapter.
- **Mow-A-Lawn:** Check with neighbors and see if you can mow their lawn for a donation.
- **Movie Night:** Have a movie night at school or during lunch. Charge admission and invite students to eat their lunch while they watch. You can also sell refreshments.

### P

- **Perform:** Host a concert or talent shower at your school, and charge people to attend.
- **Pancake Breakfast:** Hold a pancake breakfast at school and charge people to attend.



- **Paint-A-Thon:** Spruce up your school and support Make-A-Wish at the same time. Find out from administration what rooms need a fresh coat of paint and get to work. Solicit pledges per minute worked, room complete or straight donations.

## Q

- **Quilt Squares:** Sell quilt squares. The squares can be sold in honor or in memory of a wish kid.

## R

- **Radio Station:** Call your favorite radio station and ask them to make an announcement on the air about your fundraiser (and/or donate as well). They may even want to interview you to know more about it.

## S

- **Star Sale:** Sell Make-A-Wish paper stars to hang around the classroom, school lunch room or office. Contact your local chapter to get your paper stars.
- **Spaghetti Dinner:** Have teachers and parents cook and/or donate the food and have students take the tickets, wait on and clear tables.
- **Student/Faculty Basketball Game:** Set up a basketball game between students and faculty, and charge students admission to attend the game.

## T,U,V

- **Turkey Drawing:** Get a grocery store to donate a certificate for a turkey or ham to be picked up just in time for Thanksgiving, Easter, Christmas, or a BBQ package for Labor Day or Memorial Day. Food is always a good item to raffle off.
- **Video Sale:** Hold a DVD sale at school and ask students to bring in videos they don't watch anymore.

## W,X,Y,Z

- **Walk-A-Thon (or Jog-A-Thon):** Walk laps in the gymnasium or on the school track. Solicit pledges per lap walked, or donations based on a pre-set number of laps.
- **Wrap Presents:** During holiday time (Christmas or Mother's Day) set up a booth at a local mall or busy department store. Have students donate wrapping paper, and ask shoppers for a donation for items wrapped.
- **Yard Sales:** Host a yard sale, and get students, parents and teachers to donate items.