

Bring the Wonder of Wishes to Your Workplace
Engage Your Coworkers in Helping Wishes Come True

Office Fundraiser Ideas

After Hours:

Happy Hour

Ask your local watering hole if they would support Make-A-Wish[®] by donating back a percentage of the happy hour bill. Make it a monthly event to get the office together after hours.

Post-Work TV Show Party

Is everyone at your office talking about The Good Wife? Is Homeland or The Walking Dead filling your DVR? Host a BYOB party in celebration of a favorite TV show at the office, and charge at the door. This is a great idea especially for offices that have off-hours or typically work late.

Office Scavenger Hunt

Set up a scavenger hunt around the entire office! This would be a great opportunity for departments to work together on something that is not work. Employees would pay an entrance fee and have a reward for the winning team (day off, lunch provided by the company, etc.).

Talent Show

Everyone wants to hear you sing Total Eclipse of the Heart! Talent show participants would have the chance to show off their talents and office could charge an entrance fee.

Lunch/Food:

Sack Lunch day

Ask your department to bring their lunch one day per week and donate what they would usually spend to buy lunch.

Pot-Luck

Have everyone in the office bring in a dish (make sure to designate who brings in main dishes, sides, and deserts) and charge \$5 to enjoy the buffet.

Chili Cookoff

It's surprising how many different variations of chili there are. It's worth it to try some of everyone's recipe! Participants and tasters would be charged an entrance fee.

Office Grill-Off

Have your employees fire up their grills and bust out their best barbecue recipes! Charge an entry fee and have employees vote for their favorite grill master! (Don't forget to include a vegetarian category so everyone is included)

Personal vending machine at work

Ever wondered how much money the vending machine at work clears in a single week? Find out! Purchase some of the office favorites in bulk, mark them up, and sell them from your desk. If you have a way to keep them cold, do the same with bottled water and sodas.

In-office Farmer's Market

Someone who is passionate about gardening can bring their own veggies and herbs to sell to other employees. Do you have beautiful flowers, you could take orders for bouquets of flowers.

Food Trucks at Lunch

Ask local food trucks if they would come to the office at lunch and split their proceeds as a donation to Make-A-Wish.

Favorite Holiday

Celebrate your favorite holiday anytime of the year! Anything from Christmas in July to Valentine's Day in August. Decorate the office and have a special lunch on that day! Participants would pay an entrance fee.

Office Barista

Put together a coffee menu, get some coffee beans and go around taking coffee orders! Instead of employees spending at their go-to coffee shops they can get their coffee fix without having to leave their desk and help a great cause!

Hot Chocolate / Oatmeal Jars

Sell hot chocolate or oatmeal jars in the office! Create a station where employees can customize their hot chocolate and oatmeal.

In-Store Fundraising

Some restaurants will partner with you to host a fundraising day where they will donate a percentage of their sales to Make-A-Wish. Organize your entire office to go out for lunch and ask neighboring businesses to join you. Some establishments we're aware of include Chipotle, Culver's, Chik-fil-A, Jersey Mike's, Panda Express, Panera Bread, Potbelly, Jimmy Johns, Buffalo Wild Wings and more.

Attire:

Dress Down Friday

Formal office environment? Host a jeans day on a Friday! Casual office environment? Allow your co-workers to wear shorts or a hoodie! Want to go crazy? How about a pajama day?!

Decade Week

Have you ever wished you were from a different decade? Show up to work every day of the week or once a week dressed up as a different decade.

Charity Head Shave

Your boss isn't willing to shave his/her head, right? Only one way to find out. No Luck? What about your impressionable young intern?

Head Shots

Is there anyone who needs a new LinkedIn profile picture? Set up a photographer and charge a fee for employees to get their picture taken!

Sports/Interactive Activities:

March Madness Pool

Take an entry fee to submit a March Madness bracket into the office pool. Split the pot between the winner and Make-A-Wish.

Team PRIDE

Are you a die-hard Hoosier? A devoted Green Bay Packers fan? An insane Red Wings follower? Hold a bidding war to find out who has the most team pride. The winner gets to call the super-fan shots for a full day. Don't be shy, hang your banner, require everyone to change their desktop background and make your boss wear your

team's hat. If they don't like it, they can outbid you next week. Keep it going by choosing a new sport every week!

Office Olympics

Office games are fun ways to show off how smart, talented, coordinated or just plain lucky you are. Any one of these game nights are sure to raise funds while having a great time! Sweeten the deal by playing department-against-department.

- Trivia Night
- High-stakes Jenga (if you touch it, you have to take it)
- Chair Races
- Paper Airplane contest
- Adult spelling bee (see how sad spellcheck has made your generation)

Pets:

Bring Your Dog to Work day

Each interested employee donates in order to bring their pooch in for the day! Clear this one with your building and management first.

Puppy Therapy

If anyone in the office has a puppy, have them bring it in and take donations to play with the puppy for a 15 minute stress reliever during the work day.

Office Jars:

Donation Jar

Put a donation jar near all the frequently visited places in the office (vending machines, bathrooms, front desk).

Guess the Amount

Fill up a jar with whatever you want and have everyone in the office guess the amount! Charge a fee per guess and the winner gets to keep the jar.

Gifts:

Corporate Matching/Tripling Gifts

Take advantage of corporate matching gifts programs. Many of your donors may work for companies that have a program like this – their donation could double or triple simply by filling out a form from their Human Resources department and following the steps to submit a matching gift.

Auction

Get a handful of people in the office to donate fun items to auction – their car for a day/week, downtown apartment, a weekend with their adorable dog, jewelry that doesn't get worn, a foursome at their country club, unused gift cards, a homemade blueberry pie, that awesome juicer that they bought and used once, their parking spot, their seats at a Black Hawks Game, vacation days, etc. Hold a silent or live auction! Hint – hit up the executives for this one!

Vendor Donations/Auction Items

Invite your vendors to contribute to your company's fundraiser or donate items that could be auctioned/raffled off. Restaurant gift cards are always a hot item.

Sell your gift cards

Is that Old Navy gift card that your mother-in-law got you last year still in your wallet? Do you have everything you'll ever need from Home Depot? Are you still a little confused why anyone would think you could eat \$40 worth of Taco Bell? Hold an unused gift card sale with everyone in your office!

Employees:

Bonus Bonanza

Challenge your office to donate a percentage of their bonuses. Remind them that it's tax deductible!

"Great Job!"

Offer to donate every time one of your employees exceeds a goal, beats a deadline, makes a sale, etc.

Reserved Parking Spot

Finding the perfect parking spot at work can be hard especially when running late. Raffle off or charge a fee to have one of the premier parking spots close to the front door for a week, month or even a quarter!

Car Service

Offer to clear snow off an employee's car before they leave for the day. You can even couple this idea with the preferred parking space above. During the summer you could pull their car up to the front door, allowing the AC to kick in.

Boss as Assistant

Have your boss be your assistant for the day! Employees can buy raffle tickets and the winning tickets gets their boss as an assistant for the day.

Raffle

Raffles are an easy and super fun way to raise funds quickly. Easy Raffle Ideas:

- 50/50 Raffle: Sell tickets to a 50/50 raffle at a large event or gathering. The prize is half the "pot." The winner splits the "pot" with Make-A-Wish. These are great because you can do them as many times as you want and sometimes the winner will donate some of their winnings back to Make-A-Wish!
- Day Off Raffle: Who doesn't want an extra day off? Make it with pay, and the employees will be lined up to buy tickets. The lucky winner receives an extra vacation day to be used sometime over the next six months. A fun way to make this office-wide is to create a department-by-department raffle. The winning department gets a full day off!
- Ask your vendor partners if they want to be part of the raffle and provide something to raffle off.
- Themed Basket Raffle: Create baskets for the movie lover, the spa lover, or the sport lover!