**LIST OF FUNDRAISING IDEAS**

**Recycle**: Help the environment and your fundraising. Collect recyclables from your neighbors and co-workers over a specified period of time. Turn the recyclables in for money to put towards your fundraising.

**Ya Gotta Eat**: Restaurants that will donate a portion of the night’s profits to your fundraising: Baja Fresh, Chipotle, El Torito, Applebee’s, Jamba Juice, Pick Up Stix, Rubio’s, , Cold Stone, Islands, Ruby’s, Hot Dog on a Stick (check with your favorite restaurant to see if they have a fundraising program).

**Birthday or anniversary coming up**? Ask for donations instead of gifts.

**Matching Gifts:** Ask your work is they offer a matching gift program, you can double your gift and its impact. You simply visit your company’s Human Resources office to obtain a matching gift form to help your gift go further to fight child abuse. You can also visit this [www.olivecrest.org/comapny-match](http://www.olivecrest.org/comapny-match) to see if your employer or your friends and family’s employers offer matching gifts.

**Ask your boss if you can host a “Dress Down Day.**” Employees pay ($5-$10) to dress down on an assigned day.

**Ask your boss if you can do** a special parking spot for a week for the person in the office that raises the most money. Or auction it off.

**Garage Sale**: Gather up your old things and ask your neighbors, family and friends to donate their old items to the cause. Have Olive Crest signs displayed so buyers know the proceeds are going to charity. Sell doughnuts and coffee for increased profits.

**Follow up on your letter.** Call or send a postcard to the people who haven't donated yet. Or, send a postcard to everyone who got the letter with a note on how your training is going and a reminder that "it's not too late to donate!"

**Send a follow up email** to everyone to whom you sent your initial e-mail! People often intend to support your fundraising efforts but forget that your e-mail was in their inbox… send them another one!

**Did you ask everyone for a donation?** Accountant, attorney, dentist, doctor, dry cleaner, financial advisor, gardener, hairdresser, home owners associations members, insurance agent, mechanic, people in your yoga class, pharmacist, professors, real estate agent, sorority/fraternity/band alumni, the employees of other companies in your office building (put up a sign in their lunchroom!), the soccer moms on your kid's team, therapist, veterinarian. **Check out the *A-Z Fundraising List* for more ideas.**

**Spare Change**: Place a bucket with an Olive Crest sign on it at your local laundromat, pizza joint, lunch room at work, etc. Stop by and pick up the $ weekly. (Make sure to ask the manager for permission!)

**Sell stuff**: (contact your local representative for help)

Cookie Lee Jewelry

Silpada Jewelry

Mary Kay Cosmetics

Pampered Chef

Party Lite

Tupperware

www.auntieannes.com/fundraising.aspx

www.classiccookie.com/page/home/fundraising

www.fundraising.com (want to sell candles? t-shirts? candy? chances are you'll find it here)

**Friends with your local bartender?**  Ask him/her to put a sign up one night that says that all tips get donated to Olive Crest. Or ask if you can be “guest bartender” for a night for a cut of the profits or cover charge (as long as you help promote the night!)

**Collect old "stuff "** from friends and family. Auction the "stuff" on Ebay.

**Go to your local mall** and ask them what they do with the **coins in the fountain**. Chances are, you can have it!

**Contact your local high school's Student Council** or other "do-good" club and ask them if they would fundraise for you (holding their own event to profit your cause). Many high schoolers just need "a cause" and they are more than happy to throw a car wash or whatever (looks good on college apps!)

**Work for a large company?** Send around a big manila envelope with your letter taped to one side and a donor form on the other. Send the envelope in rotation and have people place the checks right in the envelope. OR, place a display in the lunch room (a little sign with your picture and a note about what you are doing) next to a bucket for donations or a pile of donor slips.

**Sell Candy**. Put the PROFIT towards your goal. Sell them in the teachers’ lounge, office lunchroom, reception desk, at the park on a Saturday … anywhere. Purchase candy in bulk at Costco, Sam’s Club or Smart & Final.

**Hold a car wash or a dog wash**. Get some kids to help. Place Olive Crest signs all over. Sell food to raise more money.

**Bake Sale**: at school, church, office, car wash or garage sale. Ask family, friends and co-workers to donate baked goods. Make sure people know where the donations are going.

**DVD Night.** Show a DVD on a big screen television or a projector screen. There can be a theme to the night, a speaker and perhaps a discussion after the movie. Charge an admission for seating, popcorn (or a small bag of chips) and a drink (maybe about $5 or $6 per person for the show with a snack included). It’s just a fun night, and depending on the subject, people really get into the discussion, too.

**Sell balloon-o-grams or candy grams**. Good for college organizations, school teams, big offices. Sell balloons and/or candy bags with cards during holidays to be delivered to others in school, office or organization. For example, Valentine's Day cards with candy and/or balloons, Halloween cards, Xmas cards, just to say thanks or recognize someone. Another example is lollipop bouquets wrapped in tissue paper to look like flowers.

**Brown bag lunch day** – Ask your coworkers to bring their lunches and donate what they would have spent eating out. A variation is you could make sack lunches (Have your coworkers preorder them) and charge $10 each.

**Wine and cheese party** – Charge a set price at the door. Ask everyone to bring a bottle of wine or an interesting type of cheese to lower your costs. Try to get as much as you can donated.

**Fundraising breakfast or lunch at work**. Have a local restaurant or grocery store donate the food and charge $5-$10 person.

**Shave your head for $**. People will donate $\_ per inch of hair coming off, or a flat donation for shaving entire head. People can pay extra to help with the shaving or to be in the room at the time of shaving.

**Dessert-a-thon**: Make some desserts, charge some money ($30) and offer all you can eat desserts.

**Book/video sale:**  Have your co-workers donate their used books and videos to your cause, then sell or “rent” them to other co-workers to make a profit! (You can set up your own Olive Crest Lending Library or Video Store!)

**Make 10 copies of this list**: Send the copies to friends and family and ask them to choose one thing on the list to help you fundraise.