

BAGGING FOR BUCKS

Contact a local grocery store and have community leaders or members of the fundraising group bag groceries for tips. Provide a jar at each checkout for tips. Also have a flyer made up and hand them out to customers that are entering the store. The flyer should explain that the members are there to bag and carry the groceries free of charge and if they choose to make a tip or a donation, they can. Customers are often generous with their donations and tips when it is for charity.

BOARD GAME NIGHT

Kids love to gather together with their friends, so why not turn it into a fundraiser for Telemiracle? Plan a board game night on a Friday if it's during the school year, or anytime during school breaks depending on best availability.

Have families lend board games from home that are appropriate to the age group. A game that does not take too long to play works best since you want each child to play as many games as possible. Each game costs a dollar or two to play. For younger age groups, small donated toys can be used as prizes for each game. For older groups, play rounds of games tournament-style with a few surviving winners at the end of the evening. A playoff is exciting for the whole crowd. A prize for the final winner could be something as simple as a gift card.

BAIL ME OUT

This is a twist on the classic jail-and-bail fundraiser. Have two people taken in during each "arrest," and handcuff them together. They will appear before the "judge" together, and they both need to raise a specific amount of money in order to make "bail." If one reaches their amount, they will need to help the other before they are both released.

OR, TRY THESE FUNDRAISING IDEAS:

- Pay to wear hats, jeans, pajamas or have a casual day
- Sell food or candy
- Gift Wrapping and Coat Check in your local mall
- Treasure Box Surprise – pay \$1.00 to try a key to the Treasure Box
- Bake Sale, Used Book Sale, Used Toy Sale
- Awake-a-thon, Walk-a-thon, Swim-a-thon, Spell-a-thon, Talk-a-thon (on the phone), Marathon Dance, Movie-a-thon, Video Game Marathon, etc.
- Car Wash
- Pancake Breakfasts
- Volleyball, Basketball, Floor Hockey Tournaments

Check out our website at www.telemiracle.com for more ideas.



WORLD'S WORST FORTUNETELLER

This is a great addition to a fair or carnival. Drape a tent and label it as "World's Worst Fortuneteller." Charge a set fee or a fee for service (tarot reading, palm reading, tea leaves, etc.). Have the fortuneteller sit at a table staring into a bowling ball or a soccer ball. Instead of reading Tarot cards, read from a deck of "Go Fish" cards; instead of reading tea leaves, read from candy mint leaves or leaves from a tree; and instead of reading a palm, read an elbow. Give crazy, mixed-up fortunes, and try to tailor them to the participant if you know them well enough. Keep a tip jar close by and mention it a few times during the conversation.

BIDDING FOR BLUE PLATE SPECIALS

Ask people to bring an individual serving, cooked meal, or dessert, their chequebook, and their sense of adventure. They will be bidding for their dinner. Meals can be as simple as hardboiled or scrambled eggs, or as elaborate as lobster thermidor. It is up to each person to decide what to bring. Put a cover over each meal to keep it a secret and let the bidding begin. Keep hot meals in a warmer to keep them hot. Either start the bidding the same for each meal, or start with a high or low bid to keep people guessing whether it is a fancy meal or not. You may want to reveal what the meal is while bidding is on if you think it will drive the price up. Just be careful to announce any potential food allergies before bidding begins.

GOOD LUCK
and have fun!

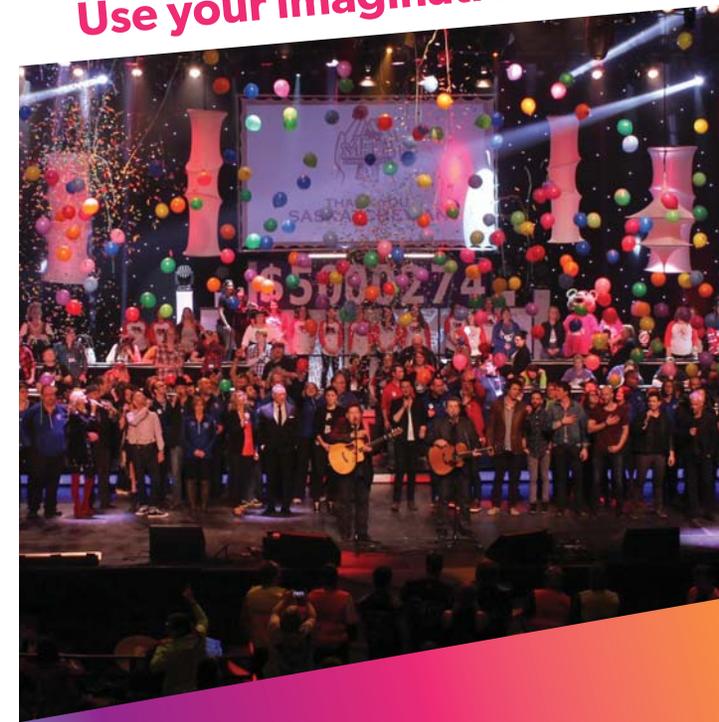
FUNDRAISING IDEAS

that work!

There are a lot of ways to raise funds for Telemiracle so we can continue to help others.

We've got some good suggestions, but remember, doing things that are fun and entertaining are the best route to fundraising success!

Use your imagination!



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The Kinsmen Telemiracle Foundation improves the quality of life and the independence of hundreds of people every year.

HAND STANDS

One of Telemiracle's simplest and most successful fundraisers. The paper hands are sold for a loonie or more. They can be offered at a retail locations, special events, community activities, and at workplace venues for employee or public fundraising. The hands are signed by the purchaser and affixed to a display area at the retail or workplace location.

Implementing a Helping Hand Program

- Contact the Telemiracle office to receive your Helping Hands free of charge.
- Place the Helping Hands at a cash registers/check out stations and have your cashiers ask customers if they would like to buy a hand for a suggested donation of a loonie.
- This contribution becomes a direct donation to Telemiracle.
- The purchaser can sign the paper hand and have it displayed prominently somewhere in the store or around the event. They can be hung on walls or in windows to generate maximum awareness and to thank your contributors.
- Helping Hands creates a win-win situation for everyone involved. The store or group generates community awareness while raising money for Telemiracle; consumers feel good about helping local people; and most importantly, your generosity makes it possible for people in your community to receive the help they need.

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HELPING HAMPER

Canvas your community asking businesses to donate items for a raffle and then build "Theme Baskets". Sell tickets on the baskets. It could be items for a Bubble Bath, a towel & face cloth, scented bar of soap, bubble bath powder or liquid, etc., OR a hamper of Movie Munchies – popcorn, pop, chocolate bar, chips.

MINUTE TO WIN IT

This fundraiser is inspired by the game show of the same name, where contestants are given 60 seconds in which to complete a game or challenge using everyday objects. They are quick games that people can play pretty easily and not take a whole day. How money is made varies, with the use of pledges, sponsorships, team entrance fees, spectator admission, concession sales, and 50/50 draws.

Ideas for games

- Emptying a tissue box with one hand
- Picking up cotton balls with a Vaseline coated nose
- Sorting M & Ms by colour
- Stacking six cupcakes on your head
- Placing a cookie on your forehead then eating it without touching it with your hands
- Scooting around the gym sitting on a towel
- Bouncing a ping pong ball off the floor and getting it to stick to Vaseline-coated bread

And it's all because of you and your fundraising efforts.



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