Top fundraising tips

Whether you're at the office, school or out in the community this list is sure to help you get creative and host a fun and successful fundraiser!

Valentine's Day

At the office	Have a lollipop pull: get a bunch of multi colored lollipops with an amount attached to the color (ex. Green=\$5) then have each member of the staff draw a lolly!
At school	Candy guessing Jar: have your class or school donate a dollar or two to guess how many candies are in the jar! Closest to the amount wins all the candy!
In your community	Host a Bucket Auction: get a few auction items, display the bid price and beside each put a bucket. Then you take 50/50 style tickets and each person puts one half in the bucket of the item they want and keep the other. At the end you draw one number from each bucket and the winner pays the bid price!

St. Patrick's Day

select the	Hold a leprechaun dress up contest: employees donate to enter
At the office	and the winner gets a small prize!
At school	Have a Pot of gold donation bucket: everyone who donates gets a golden (chocolate) coin!
In your community	Have a St. Patrick's party: "Kiss me I'm Irish booth" for a donation! The kissing could be via dog instead of a person ©

Easter

At the office	Hold an Easter egg hunt: register by donation!
At school	Have an Easter egg painting contest: use Styrofoam eggs to keep mess to a minimum, donate to enter and a prize for the winner!
In your community	Have a day with the Easter bunny: have someone dress up and take donations for entry and photos! You could even have an Easter egg hunt as well ©

Canada Day

and the	Have a National anthem singing competition: donate to enter and
At the office	the winner/ winners get a prize.
ex. 5501	School's out for summer! If you want to hold an event before
At school	school ends host a 50/50 Canadian trivia day and test your
, te series:	students on their knowledge in a fun way: donate to register and
	winner gets half the collections as a prize!
	Have a Canadian map treasure hunt: The chosen "X marks the
In your community	spot" location will be hidden in an envelope and people donate
	to get a pin to stick on the map to guess the spot! Winner gets a
	small prize.

Thanksgiving

At the office	Have a wine pull: people donate to pull a cork and that cork represents a prize (doesn't all have to be wine) and you can up the amount donated by adding in a spin the wheel or pull from a
	special basket for a Grand prize!
At school	Have a pumpkin pie eating contest: classes raise money to sponsor a student or their favourite teacher to enter the contest. Fastest nominee and class with the most raised gets a prize!
In your community	Have a community thanksgiving dinner: donate to join and make it a potluck!

Halloween

At the office	Instead of dressing up in costumes have the ultimate casual day: people donate to be able to "dress down" for the day at the office.
At school	Have a "dress the teacher" contest: classes raise money to participate and each class dresses their teacher up in the craziest costumes they can think of, winning class gets a prize!
In your community	Apple bobbing: put a number or colour on the apple each apple is related to a donation amount.

Christmas/ holiday season

Add to	Have a gingerbread house building contest: people donate to
At the office	participate and winner gets a prize!
At school	Hold a Christmas talent show: have family and friends donate to watch and show off all the talents your school has!
In your community	Go caroling: get bundled up and warm up your vocals while bringing some holiday cheer to your neighbours! Don't forget your donation box!

New Years

At the office	Have a new year's resolution contest: place bets or raise pledges on who will keep their resolution the longest. Winner gets a prize!
At school	Make a time capsule: have students and teachers donate to add an item to the capsule and find a cool place to bury or store it!
In your community	Have a new year's party: plug in some dance tunes and take donations as an entry fee! You could even have a theme night!

Our top 5 for any day

- **1.** Use your birthday, anniversary, baby shower, wedding, etc. as an excuse to throw a party! Suggest donations in lieu of gifts.
- 2. Have a bake sale or garage sale with proceeds going to Wellspring Calgary
- **3.** Have a bottle drive: put out some flyers with info about Wellspring and contact your local bottle depot!
- **4.** Have a poker tournament: set a buy in, half goes to the winner half goes to Wellspring Calgary
- 5. Lawn mowing or sidewalk shoveling: lend a helping hand for a donation!