

Event and Fundraising Ideas!

Sports

1. **Mini sports tournament** – get a radar gun and host a pitch-a-thon, or host a 3-on-3 basketball/hockey/soccer tournament. Any sport will do – tennis, badminton – what about a charity quidditch match?!
2. **Miniature Golf tournament** – Ask a mini-golf course manager in your area to sponsor a tournament to help raise money for your group. If they're willing to donate the use of the course, or at least give you a reduced price for it, they can still make money through selling concessions to your group. Get local businesses to sponsor the event and donate prizes. Prizes can include movie tickets, gift certificates and small trophies. Give prizes to the players with the lowest score for each age group or grade.
3. **Bowl-A-Thon** – Invite your pals to join you for a day on the lanes. You can either host an individual tournament or ask people to form teams and set up a round robin.
4. **Regatta** – Talk to a local yacht club about hosting a charity regatta with all entry fees donated to Wellspring.

Adults Night Out

1. **Host a girl's night** – ask for a minimum amount at the door, provide drinks and snacks, ask a few clothing shops or local jewelry designers to sell their items – and give you 10% – and have a blast!
2. **Pub Tournaments** – e.g. Skittles, darts, pool, cards. Just ask a local pub to host a tournament evening and charge patrons to take part in the competition for a prize. Then donate the entry fees to Wellspring.

Great for Kids

1. **Board Game Tournament** – Create a fun twist on a card tournament and do something that everyone can participate in. Have a Board Game Tournament. Pick a favourite, such as Sorry, Trouble, or Monopoly. Then invite your friends to make teams, sign up to play and compete for a prize. Ask all guests to make a donation to Wellspring.
2. **Sled-a-Thon** – Obtain pledges for each trip down a big hill at a local park. Promote it as a family event and hold a "pot luck" dinner afterwards
3. **Lemonade Stand** – or sell just about anything! Set up a stand on the curb and let the patrons come to you!

At Your Service

1. **Car wash** – With a group of friends, set up a car wash in the parking lot of your school,

religious institution, or public area. (Be sure to ask for permission and make sure that people are careful of moving cars).

2. **Organize a gift wrap** – This is especially popular around the holidays.
3. **Dog Wash** – Everyone wants their dog to be clean, but not everyone has the ability to give their dog a bath at home, and groomers can be expensive. Your group can offer a low-cost dog wash for with the proceeds going to Wellspring.

Just For Fun

1. **Toonie Drive Fundraiser** – Place a toonie bin in your school, office or religious institution with a sign asking people to donate their toonie to Wellspring.
2. **A Rubber Duck Race** – This is a fun and unique fundraising idea. Not only will you raise some money, but everyone will have a great time. Rubber ducks are “sold” to participants who then write their name and phone number on each duck they purchase. Be sure to use waterproof ink! Then, the ducks are placed on a river, pond or, as a last resort, in a large pool. The duck that reaches a predetermined finish line first is the winner, and the person who bought that duck wins a prize.
3. **Look-a-like Dog** contest or Ugly Dog contest – With multiple ways to bring in money as well as the potential for some local press coverage for your organization, an ugly dog competition or a competition to find the owner who looks most like their dog, could be well worth the time and effort it will take to produce.
4. **Head Shave** – Set yourself a target and ask family, friends and colleagues to sponsor you. Once you reach your goal, invite everyone over to watch you shave your head. Bonus points if you have long hair that can be donated to help make a wig for someone who has lost their hair because of cancer treatments.
5. **Don't Shave** – Grow your beard and ask people to sponsor you for each week you maintain it.
6. **Carnival** – You can make this as grand or as small as you want. Set up some games and activities and ask your friends to help run things with you. Charge an entry fee and/or ask people to buy tickets for different attractions.
7. **Bingo** – Pick up the supplies and organize a bingo night, charging people to buy cards and offering prizes for the winners.

Food

1. **Pancake Breakfast** – All participants pay an entrance fee, usually a flat fee, for an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast. This usually includes other breakfast items as well such as eggs and sausage, coffee and juice, etc.
2. **Bake Sale** – There's a reason this is such a staple – everyone loves it! You can even create

your own twist, such as selling bagels one morning at the office.

3. **Pie Eating Contest** – Ask any big eaters to compete for the fastest eater prize.
4. **Popcorn Sale** – Rent a popcorn maker and sell bags at a sporting event or even just over lunchtime.

Sell, Sell, Sell

1. **Garage Sale** – One person's trash is another's treasure. Clear out your attic, basement or garage and rid yourself of stuff you no longer need, then donate the proceeds to Wellspring. You can even ask your shoppers if they would like to donate as they browse.
2. **Craft Sale** – Gather a few talented friends and sell your wares, with proceeds benefiting Wellspring.
3. **Etsy Sales** – It's the craft sale for the new millennium. Set up an online store through Etsy.com and sell your goods to benefit Wellspring.
4. **Bulb Drive** – Find a wholesaler and sell the bulbs around town in the fall, helping people get their gardens ready for springtime.

At the Office

1. **Dress Down Days** – Allow your office to dress in casual attire for a day if they make a minimum contribution to Wellspring. Create a self-funding "Fun-Raising Team" at work: This is one of Wellspring's favourites! The team will host many mini-fundraisers throughout the year to provide fun events for all employees to attend. Ask event attendees to donate to Wellspring or charge admission for your events.
2. **Who's the Baby?** – Get people to submit a baby photo, and then everyone can guess whose picture is whose. Charge an entry fee and offer a prize to the person who gets the most right.
3. **Vendor Auction** – Ask your suppliers to donate some of their goods and have a silent auction with the goods
4. **Ice Cream Bar** – Everyone loves a little mid-week treat. Just stock up on the ice cream and toppings and charge people to build their own sundae.
5. **Pizza Lunch** – Take orders ahead of time and enjoy a fun lunch with your colleagues.
6. **Coffee Clutch Day** – Ask your boss to allow a special break where all employees are able to enjoy a coffee together in exchange for making a donation to Wellspring.
7. **Good Karma Jar** – Keep a jar on your desk and ask your colleagues to drop in some change every time they say a bad word – whether that means a curse word or simply an overused one.

Talent Spotlight

1. **Art Show** – ask local artists to donate a piece of art to your cause and hold a show to sell the works. Make sure to arrange any commission the artist wants ahead of time.
2. **Talent Show** – Get together some good acts, ensuring they are suitable for the general

audience, and sell tickets to a talent show at a school or hall. Hold a bake sale during the intermission and ask businesses to donate various items for an auction. Talent shows are especially appropriate for children and young teens, because parents enjoy watching their children compete.

3. **Karaoke Idol** – This one is sure to be a fun time. You can either rent a karaoke machine and host the party at home, or speak to a local restaurant or bar about playing host for the evening. Charge an entry fee and make sure to have a prize for your winner.
4. **Celebrity Dinner Party** – Do you know someone famous or notable: Invite guests to join him/her for dinner in exchange for a donation to Wellspring.