Office FUNdraising ideas

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Raffle/auction

1. **Lucky balloon raffle:** Assemble some fun prizes, place raffle tickets inside Walk to Cure Psoriasis balloons, inflate the balloons and sell!
2. Sponsor a raffle for such prizes as vacation days, gift certificates, parking spaces, clothing/mugs with your company logo. Donate the proceeds to the Walk. The sky's the limit!
3. **Hold a "50-50" raffle** that gives half of the money collected to the winner and half to the Walk fund.
4. Get staff involved in a fundraising raffle by asking for donations of handmade crafts to use as prizes. Donate the proceeds to the Walk.
5. **Ask co-workers to donate services,** such as babysitting, car washing or dog walking, and offer the services as raffle prizes. Or keep the prizes office-oriented and ask for donations of office tasks.
6. **Silent auction:** Have staff bid on items such as extra vacation days, longer lunch hours, VIP parking spots, dinner passes, casual days, etc. Money raised goes to fundraising efforts.
7. **Lunch-box auction:** Employees supply lunches to be auctioned in the office. Display the lunches and give prizes for the most creative, nutritional, elegant, and humorous lunch. Encourage CEO and management participation.
8. **Executive auction:** Ask your company's executive staff to donate one hour for a fundraising auction. Have employees bid on each executive, with proceeds to benefit your Walk efforts. The executive then takes over the highest-bidding employee's job for the appointed hour.
9. **Goody basket silent auction:** Have department supervisors pick a theme for a gift basket and encourage each department employee to donate an item for the basket. Collect the baskets and wrap them in clear plastic or cellophane and a big bow and place them on a conference room table for a 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. silent auction. Supply paper and pen at each basket so employees can bid. End the bidding at 2 p.m. with a loud whistle blow or some other indication. Highest bidders buy the baskets. Ideas for themes: baby, movie/entertainment, coffee/tea, knitting/sewing, toys, Italian cooking, bathing fragrances.
10. **Win a day off:** Sell raffle tickets for $5 each to win a free vacation day. This is usually a big fundraiser!
11. **Parking:** Auction prime spots in the office parking lot for one-week blocks.
12. **Job swap:** Have employees enter a raffle to swap jobs with a colleague for the day—maybe even the boss! Charge a $5 entry fee and see who wins!
Sales

13. **Snack bar**: Sell candy, chips, popcorn, soda, bagels or donuts at the office. You may be able to have goodies donated so that all the money raised will be used for the cause.

14. **Bake sale**:
   a. Homemade cakes or other goodies are always popular with colleagues. A bit of baking the night before will mean a fistful of cash at coffee time the next day. Organize a table in your department or take around a tray of home-baked treats to sell.
   b. Have a “no-bake bake sale,” in which co-workers donate the cost of ingredients. They’ll save time by not having to bake anything.

15. **Balloon-o-gram**: Sell balloons to employees to give to their co-workers. Employees can buy a balloon, include a brief note and have it sent to a colleague. Balloon recipients get affirmation, your office gets decorated with colorful Walk to Cure Psoriasis balloons—and you make money for your cause.

16. **"Candygram" sale**: Sell gift assortments of candies and chocolate bars for $5. Put them in decorative bags inscribed with either “Thank you” or “Have a Nice Day” to be delivered in person to the intended recipient by the fundraising organizers. This is a great way to show your appreciation to a co-worker who helped you with a project or, if you are a manager or supervisor, to thank staff for their hard work.

17. **Sell treasures on eBay**: Ask co-workers to bring in anything they don’t want, such as old DVDs, CDs or anything that could easily be posted on eBay. Keep a portion of the profits.

18. **Coffee runs**: Get coffee or tea for your co-workers for one week. Charge a fee for the week, agree to delivery times and put the funds you raise toward your goal!

19. **Hot-breakfast sale**: Sell a hot breakfast once a week until your fundraising campaign ends. Organizers bring ingredients, then cook the orders in the break room/kitchen. Some examples: croissant with egg and cheese for $4; add two strips of bacon for 50 cents more. Or serve pancakes, waffles, sausages, breakfast burrito, etc. For a small price, you not only get a hearty breakfast but help raise funds for a great cause!

20. **Book sale**: Ask employees to donate used books to sell from $1 to $5, depending on the title and condition.

21. **Bake sale**: Sell baked goods like muffins and breads purchased from a discount retailer (e.g., Costco) for $1 each.

22. **"Hot, hot, hot" sale**: Sell hot dogs, hot chili beans, hot nachos at lunchtime: $3.50 for plain hotdog; for an extra $1, include a serving of chili beans or nachos with cheese.

23. **Movie and popcorn**: On Fridays, sell $4 passes for a movie you can show in a conference room or somewhere with a projector or large-screen TV. Provide popcorn. Showing starts in late afternoon or shortly before work ends so you don’t disrupt work.
Car wash: For really simple fundraising ideas, look no farther than the parking lot. There's bound to be someone in the office who wants their hubcaps polished at lunchtime!

Sports

24. Office Olympics: Make up office teams and determine sign-up fees. Teams participate in events such as making paper airplanes to see whose flies the longest distance; “dressing for success,” with the best dresser named the winner; shooting crumpled paper into wastebaskets; playing department darts—you get the idea. Encourage competition between departments. Hold finals in the main lobby for all to see. Give out prizes for first, second and third place.

25. Pedometer challenge: Wear a pedometer and get people to guess how many steps you will take in a day.

26. Miniature golf classic: Have a pay-to-play miniature golf tournament in the office, with different departments designing each “hole.” Have prizes for the best-designed hole. For an additional charge, offer pizza and salad (donated by a local eatery).

27. Hoops contest: Erect a Nerf ball basketball hoop in an out-of-the-way location. Schedule a time for an elimination shooting match. Co-workers make a donation to enter the match and the winner receives a prize.

28. Bowling for dollars: Employees sign up for an office tournament at a local bowling alley. Charge a few dollars for the entry fee and donate them to the Walk fundraising efforts. A coordinator assigns teams. The winning team receives donated prizes. Consider expanding this event to include clients and vendors.

29. Juggling competition: Encourage staff to sponsor the competition or donate a specific amount for each ball dropped or each second or minute the juggling lasts.

30. Sports shorts: Organize a softball, basketball, touch football or bowling tournament. Socialize away from the office and build stronger bonds among staff. Teams must pay to play.

31. Survivor: Create “tribes” to compete against one another, each containing one member from upper management. Hold physical and mental challenges each day for a week in which tribes compete for prizes such as an extra 30 minutes for lunch, show tickets, etc. Challenges can include office mini-putt games, puzzles, quizzes, scavenger hunts. Grand prize is a day of paid vacation. Charge a participation fee or ask for donations from participants.

32. Tailgate: Have a Monday night “tailgate” party during football season. Each employee pays $10 to attend. After work, get everyone together. Serve hot dogs, wings, chips, beverages. Rent a large-screen TV, watch the game as a team while enjoying great food.

Theme Days:

33. Casual and theme days: For $5 each, sell “casual day” stickers (Walk to Cure Psoriasis stickers are available; contact walk@psoriasis.org) that allow employees to dress casually on certain days. Or designate certain casual days as “crazy days”

34. **Best/worst tie**: Charge your colleagues a fee to enter a best or worst tie competition. Offer a prize and have the entire office vote at lunchtime. For extra fun, make it a small fashion show. Don't restrict this competition to guys. Gals, this is a chance to put the men to shame.

35. **Bad hair day**: Pay a fee to go to work sporting a crazy hairstyle. The craziest wins a prize!

36. **Bad taste day**: Who can wear the worst outfit to work? All entrants can pay a fee. The winner (or loser!) wins a small cash prize and the rest of the funds are donated.

37. **International day**: Dress up in the national dress of another country. For an added twist, ask participants to bring food appropriate to the country they're representing and maybe even to speak some of the language.

### Contests and games

38. **Office fundraising challenge**: Ask everyone in your office to challenge each other to raise the most money. Give the winner(s) a prize: movie passes, for example, or a dinner gift card.

39. **Baby photo competition**: Bet you never realized your boss once looked so cute or that scary lady from accounts was once a giggling beauty! Ask all your colleagues to bring their baby photos. Scan the photos and pin them up or circulate a sheet that includes all of them. Charge your colleagues a fee for a chance to match the photos to the worker. Award a prize for the most correct answers.

40. **Company comedy**: Have employees bring their favorite jokes, which you then combine into one volume. Sell the books at a comedy-themed lunch hour. Variations: favorite e-mail jokes, recipes, etc.

41. **Don't know much about history**: Employees come to work dressed in clothing from their favorite eras. Employees decorate offices/cubicles according to the era selected. Charge a participation fee or ask for donations from participants.

42. **(Company Name) funniest home videos**: Encourage employees to bring in their funniest home videos or create new ones. Allot a time for showing videos. Establish a small entry fee. Funniest video wins grand prize of a donated DVD player or other appropriate prize.

43. **Holiday fun**: For the holiday falling closest to your campaign, have employees decorate their offices and award a prize to the best-decorated office. Winner is announced at a holiday lunch.

44. **Walk a mile in my shoes**: Ask staff to come to work in their craziest pair of shoes and tell them to be prepared for a wild and crazy lunch. Serve items such as FOOT-long subs, CORN chips, SHOESTRING french fries. Play "Blue Suede Shoes," "Kicking You Out," "Footloose," "Boots Were Made for Walking" and other appropriate tunes.

45. **“Who Knows the Nose” contest**: Have employees take pictures of their noses. Hang the pictures on a wall. For a small fee ($1), employees can guess the
"owners." Employee guessing the most correct noses in the shortest amount of time wins and takes half the pot.

46. **Guess the amount (or weight) of candy in a jar:** $2 to participate. Closest guess wins the jar of candy.

47. **Crazy hat contest:** Employees pay to enter the hat contest. Each entrant makes and wears a zany hat. During lunch hour, stage a hat parade and staff votes for the zaniest hat. Give a prize to the winner.

48. **Start a system of “office fines.”** Employees who agree to participate will be "fined" $1 if they are caught:
   a. with the most colorful, ugly, oldest (you get the idea) necktie.
   b. forwarding the highest volume of e-mail jokes to everyone in the office.
   c. Declining to participate on “theme days” at the office (game days, holidays such as St. Patrick’s or Halloween, etc.).
   d. Arriving late for a meeting, in the morning, or back from lunch.

49. **Inter-departmental quiz:** Choose a quizmaster wisely and organize a lunchtime quiz. Examples: pop quizzes, sports or TV/film trivia, word games. Vary the contests so that everyone has a chance to win! Charge a participation fee or ask for donations from participants.

50. **Beach blanket bingo:** Decorate a conference room with beach items: beach balls, blow-up rafts, fake palm trees, etc. Establish a dress code—office attire not allowed. Serve hot dogs, fruit, sandwiches and drinks. Charge a small fee for each round of bingo and award a prize to the best dressed attendee!

51. **Bingo variation:** Organize once-a-week bingo games. Charge $4 per player for four rounds. The more rounds they play, the better their chances to win.

52. **Chili cook-off:** Contestants enter to win a prize. Supply your own judges. Have guests pay for a tasting.

53. **Office scavenger hunt:** Hide clues around the office or building, leading to a secret prize. Participants pay a fee to enter as an individual or team. Clues are given at each checkpoint pointing to the next checkpoint. Clues can be placed in different orders to avoid teams following/copying one another. Penalties for unsafe behavior, splitting up or cheating add to time total.

54. **Stars in their eyes:** Hold your own singing/impersonation contest. Spectators pay “entry fees” that can be donated to your walk team. If you don’t want to organize an evening event, ask each competitor to make a short video recording and load them up onto your staff intranet or YouTube account.

55. **Karaoke:** How do your colleagues’ singing skills compare with their office skills? Charge an entry fee for folks who want to sing a song and charge a fee for an exemption ticket for those who don’t.

**More, more, more**

56. **Penny war:** Here are the rules: (1) In the morning, place nicely wrapped, opaque boxes with coin slots in each department. (2) During the day, have employees put pennies in their department’s box, but to drop silver coins in other departments’ boxes. (3) Silver coins cancel pennies. For example, a dime cancels out 10 pennies and a quarter cancels 25 pennies. Total is zero for a box that has a quarter and 25
pennies. The department with the most pennies wins. Each member of the winning team wins a prize and all the change collected is donated to the Walk.

57. **No cards or presents:** Agree as an office to stop giving cards and gifts for birthdays and during the holiday season. Donate the money saved to your cause. Encourage the suppliers/vendors who normally send your office holiday gifts or treats to donate to your Walk instead.

58. **Skip birthday cakes:** Does your office usually buy a cake to celebrate a staff birthday? Skip the tradition this year and put the money you would have spent toward your fundraising efforts.

59. **Better-health lunch bunch:** Encourage everyone in your office to bring a healthy lunch to work one day a week for a month. Collect money they would have spent for lunch and donate it to your walk fundraising effort.

60. **Donation Jar:** Place a jar near the office’s usual freebies-for-employees locations (coffeemaker, water cooler, candy jar, etc.). This gives staff an opportunity to donate spare change.

61. **Box seats:** Ask managers to donate the company’s box seats at entertainment or sports events. Sell tickets for a drawing; winner gets the box-seat tickets.

62. **Barbeque:** Hold a cookout in the parking lot, a nearby park or private garden. Sell tickets.

63. **E-mail ban:** Ban intra-office e-mails for a day. This can be a great way to improve staff communication, encouraging employees to talk to each other! Charge $2 to participate and impose a fine on anyone who breaks the ban!

64. **Elevator tax:** For anyone capable of using the stairs but unwilling to do so, impose an “elevator tax” for a month or so. Donate the proceeds.

65. **White elephant gift exchange:** Ask employees to wrap items they don’t want or like. Participants make a donation to join. It’s a fun way to get rid of unwanted gifts!

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