

## Fundraiser Ideas

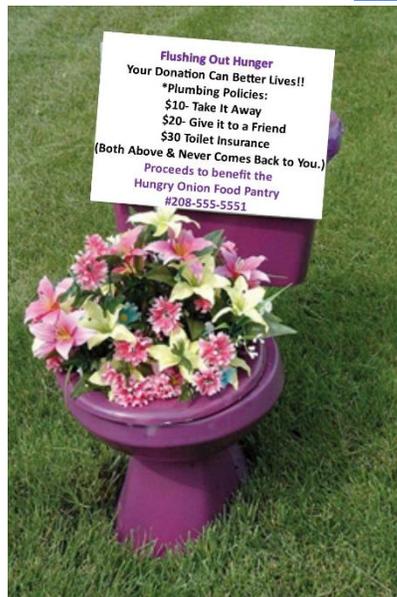
- **Recycling Drives.** Did you know you can recycle for cash! It's a great way to help keep your community clean and collect money for your pantry. Put out boxes, bins, trash cans and buckets around your pantry to collect items to recycle. Aluminum cans are easy to collect and turn into cash. Some state also pay back on glass and plastic bottles. To collect more recycling donations, promote the importance of recycling and helping the environment. Maybe partner with your local church or school to get more exposure for your drive. ([Credit](#))
- **Arts & Crafts Sales.** We all know someone who is crafty. Why not highlight your local crafters with an Arts and Crafts Sale? Everything from kid art to professionally made jewelry, hand painted portraits, caricatures and more are great for selling at a fun day sale or event. Gather the community together to set up booths with their best products to sell with all proceeds going to your food pantry to help feed local families in need. These sales are especially great near the holiday season. They are perfect for helping others find unique holiday gifts and giving back to a good cause. ([Credit](#))
- **Poker Tournament.** Poker tournaments are a great option for adults to join together and do something for a good cause. Hosting a poker tournament allows you to charge an entry fee that will be donated to the pantry. Concessions can be sold for the players and attendees are a great addition to the night for another way to raise money during the night. ([Credit](#))
- **Specialty Calendar.** With so many "girls of" or "guys of" calendars on sale at the end of the year, what about making a unique calendar for you community! There are thousands of themes, including great barns of your state, country, or city that would be fun for your audience to purchase. Making it unique to your community will be special and different. Attractive fire fighters, police officers, and emergency personnel are always popular. ([Credit](#))
- **T-Shirt Sales.** There are sites out there like [Teespring](#) who make creating a unique and fun shirt to share with your friends, family, and others in your community so easy and do all the work for you! There is a flat rate per t-shirt when you set your price above that and make the remainder of sales as profit. You can designate the profit from sales to go towards the pantry to event of your choice. This is especially great since Teespring will even ship the t-shirt directly to the customer for you. ([Credit](#))
- **Movie Fundraiser.** Everyone loves seeing movies, especially new releases! Host a movie screening for your pantry. With programs like [FilmRaiser](#), you receive 50% of the movie ticket sales. Check out the steps below to see how to start. ([Credit](#))
  - Register your group & get notified of upcoming release dates
  - Select a new movie release and pick an advance screening date
  - Receive your advance tickets and notify your group

- Arrange \$10 donations per ticket via text message to your special number
- Have fun at your own red carpet movie premiere at Regal Cinemas
- Receive a check for your 50% share of your event's movie ticket sales
- Repeat the movie fundraising process with another new movie premiere
- Mystery Box Auction??
  - A mystery box at the CVLHS silent auction attracted plenty of attention.

[\(Credit\)](#)



- **Flushing Out "HUNGER."** If you have a spare toilet (or maybe a kiddie potty) this fundraiser is perfect! Basically, you drop the potty on a lawn, and the homeowner has to pay to have it removed. \$10 for removal, \$20 to move it to a friend's house, and \$30 for removal, move to friend's house, and the promise that it won't come back to them. [\(Credit\)](#)



- **Christmas Ornaments.** If you are a religious group this may be a good fundraiser for you. You can sell ornaments at Christmas time. You would have to make these ornaments by buying clear glass ornaments, cutting out the shape of Idaho (place your food pantry/ feeding site name on the Idaho shape) then place the script quote, "For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me. Matthew

25:35-36". Remember to charge a few dollars more than what the supplies cost.  
([Credit](#))



- **Repurpose, Recycle.** This is one of the best ways to help people as well as nature. Use old materials and recycle them to create new items. Use waste paper to make lovely greeting cards, old T-shirts to make tote bags, tin containers to make tea lights, and lots more. Organize a sale in your community hall or public garden, you'd be surprised at the number of people who would buy them. ([Credit](#))
  - Have a saying like: "These items were overlooked and were in need of help to show their true potential. We are a food pantry and we know the clients we serve are great and we want to help them realize their true potential. Please donate to help us with our service."
- **Talent Show.** Organize a talent show and let people participate and exhibit their talent. Charge an entry fee for the participants as well as the audience. Not only will this help raise money, but it will also be a good platform for kids and adults to display their talents. Alternatively, you could organize a separate dance show, theater show, singing contest, etc. ([Credit](#))
- **Fashion Show.** Encourage young boys and girls to come out with their best costumes. Organize the show in the community hall or the local auditorium. The show can be held separately for adults too. Make it more efficient by issuing tickets to those who attend the show. ([Credit](#))
  - Partner with the local homemaker class or approach the school principal with this idea and ask if any students would be interested in help produce a fashion show.
- **Flower Show.** Encourage those in your community who have a green thumb to show their neighbors their pride and joy plants. Set up individual stalls for each,

have the participants explain how they went about growing the flowers, etc. You could also organize a small workshop explaining the basics of gardening. Charge people with a reasonable entry fee. People will also buy the flowers, and all these funds can then go to the society. ([Credit](#))

- Have an education nutrition workshop also to explain why the flowers, fruits, vegetables are good for you.
- **Photography Show.** A lot of amateur photographers wish to exhibit their photographs to the public first. A photography show is exactly what they need. Who knows, some of their photos might get purchased. That, along with the other fees will contribute to your fund. Combine this with another idea such as the talent show for more activity around. ([Credit](#))
- **Shops.** Place donation jars at shop counters, outside churches, etc. Of course, you need to obtain prior permission. Have a signboard with your food pantry/feeding site's name written on it. Customers and church-goers will read about the fundraiser and gladly donate any spare amount they can. In fact, some shopkeepers may even contribute a percentage of their collection for that day. ([Credit](#))
  - Place two jars next to each other and ask a question, like: Who do you like better "One Direction" or "The Beatles". Place "One Direction" above one jar and the "The Beatles" above the other jar. The customers would place extra change that they have in the jar that has the answer they like the most.
- **"Pick A Number."** "Pick a Number" is a large board (or whatever else you decide to use) with a bunch of numbers on it. The numbers include every number from 1-70, and they can be on the board in order or all mixed up (get creative!). The idea is that friends and family can "Pick a Number" to donate. Once they pick a number, that number is taken off the board (or X'ed out). This board could be set up at school, church, or work. And check this out - If all 70 numbers are taken, you'll raise \$2,485. If only half of the numbers are taken, you'll still raise over a thousand dollars! And no single person had to give more than \$70. Note: You don't have to have exactly 70 numbers. Adjust up or down depending on the funds you need to raise! ([Credit](#))
  - Make this like Deal or No Deal. Have an X on the back of one of the numbers. If a person chooses a number to donate that amount of money and the X is on the back. Give them a prize.



- **Partner with a restaurant.** Many restaurants are willing to partner with you in organizing a fundraising event at their restaurant. It's a win-win because you bring the restaurant a lot of business and they give you a portion of the food sales for your organization! Local restaurants (like Chickfila and Moe's) and frozen yogurt shops are among the more popular places for these events. [\(Credit\)](#)
- **Bingo.** Organize a bingo night and participants can pay to play with an opportunity for the winners to get small prizes. [\(Credit\)](#)
- **Gift basket bidding/auction.** Gather donated items from local businesses and create gift baskets that students and parents can bid on. Example: a “Movie” themed basket with cinema tickets, specialty popcorn and candy. [\(Credit\)](#)
- **Haunted house.** Host a Halloween-themed event. Ask a local school to help you host the haunted house. Sell tickets to students and parents to walk through the haunted house. Gather volunteers to play spooky characters! [\(Credit\)](#)
- **Gift-wrapping station.** Around major holidays, advertise a gift-wrapping station in a local store (must get store’s permission), customers can bring their unwrapped gifts and have them wrapped for a low cost. [\(Credit\)](#)
- **Recipe book.** Ask your volunteers or the community to give you family recipes. Place all the recipes into one book and sell it to the community. [\(Credit\)](#)
- **Rubber Duck Race.** Number and sell rubber ducks to participate in a “race.” Drop the lovable ducks down a river or in the middle of the pool with a designated “finish line.” Hand out prizes to the winning ducks. [\(Credit\)](#)
- **Yard Sales/ Garage Sales:** Host an annual yard sale/ garage sale.
- **Penny Wars:** Ask a school to host a penny war between each grade level to help contribute to your food panty/ feeding site. Ask the police station to war against a fire station.

To organize a successful fundraiser, visit [this site](#).