

Children's Miracle Network at Geisinger

25 School/Community Group Fundraising Ideas

1. **Spring Fling** – *Have an old-fashioned spring fling with games, contests and prizes.*
2. **Dirtiest Car Contest** – *Have a contest to find the dirtiest car in your area. Hold this event in conjunction with a car wash.*
3. **Eating Contest** – *Sponsor an eating contest. Get creative with this one: use pies, cakes, pancakes, hamburgers or moon pies. Use your imagination.*
4. **Talent Show** – *Host a talent show for adults and/or children.*
5. **Treasure Chest** – *Fill a chest with donated prizes and sell keys to open the chest.*
6. **Easter Egg Draw** – *Fill some plastic Easter eggs with prizes. Leave the rest empty. Put them in a big bin for a \$1 chance to draw.*
7. **Sports Day** – *Have a putt-putt golf tournament, a football skills contest, a basketball shootout or any other sports event. Participants pay an entry fee for the contest.*
8. **Weekend Picnics** – *Set up a food wagon on campus/elsewhere and sell grilled hot dogs and hamburgers.*
9. **Derby Day** – *Field events such as 5K run, penny wars, obstacle course, tug-of-war and carry-the-coach. Teams pay to compete.*
10. **Comedy Night** – *Have a comedian perform. Sell tickets for the events, with a percentage as donation.*
11. **Date Auction** – *Auction off a date with male students or male members. The date can be to a local sporting event or concert.*
12. **Dance Marathon** – *Sponsor a continuous, multi-hour event that blends dancing, music, games, food and a variety of entertainment into one experience.*
13. **Dash for the Derby** – *Coordinate a 5K road race. Have local businesses sponsor the runners. Also, have the runner wear t-shirts designed by children in the hospital.*
14. **Weight-lift-a-thon** – *Participants get pledges for lifting larger and larger weights.*
15. **Greek Week** – *Develop a week full of competitive activities between houses. Charge to get into the activities.*
16. **Greek Sing** – *Set up a night of singing, dancing and music put on by each fraternity house.*
17. **Street Carnival** – *Have various carnival activities, games, food and prizes.*
18. **Barbecue** – *Have students solicit donation gifts for the event. Sell tickets for food, beverages and activities.*
19. **Walk-a-thon** – *Participants collect pledges for each mile walked.*
20. **Bowl-a-thon** – *Participants collect pledges, then bowl a set number of games. Prizes are awarded for the bowling as well as for the group that raises the most money.*
21. **Bike-a-thon** – *Participants get sponsors and individuals to pledge for every mile they ride. Make sure participants wear helmets and that first aid is available.*
22. **Work-a-thon** – *Arrange for participants to help elderly people who cannot afford to pay for work they need done. Sponsors pledge so much per hour for the work to be done at no charge to the seniors.*
23. **Book Sales** – *Have students/members bring in books from home to sell.*
24. **Football Party** – *Charge admission to a football-themed party and have auctions or other activities. Dress in football attire to make it more fun.*
25. **Reality TV or Sitcom Party** – *Take advantage of a popular TV show to provide a theme for a party. Charge admission and include a meal. Guests must dress as TV show characters to enter the door.*

These are just some of the fundraisers you can easily implement through your school or community.

For more information or more ideas, call 1-800-322-KIDS (5437) or (570) 271-6188.

