



FUNdraising Ideas for the Office

Thank you for fundraising for Junior Achievement (JA) of Washington. The funds raised make it possible for JA to provide in-class and on-site learning opportunities for thousands of local students to develop foundational economic, business, and financial literacy concepts. Below are ideas and suggestions to incorporate into your fundraising efforts. If you have an idea to share, let us know, and we will include it in next year's list!

JA's Favorite FUNdraisers:

- **JA 'Schoolhouse' Sales:** Sell JA paper schoolhouses for a donation of \$1, \$5, or even \$10 each! Donors write in their name to show their JA pride! Paper schoolhouses available at JA office and post in your office.
- **Jeans for JA:** Employees designate one day or even a whole week as Jeans for JA casual day/week. We provide stickers and employees give a donation (typically \$5 for a Friday or \$15 for a month of Fridays) and proudly show their support for kids by wearing their Jeans for JA sticker on the days they wear jeans to work.
- **Pins for Kids:** 11"x17" bowling pin signs are a great tool to sell to local companies. Custom bowling pin posters are created and displayed at the JA Bowling venues in a highly visible location — viewed by event participants and regular week-long bowling patrons. \$100 per sponsorship.

Contact Heather Davie for these resources at heatherd@jashington.org or 509-317-8240.

Entertaining FUNraisers:

- **Change Wars:** Settle some of today's hottest debates with donations! Set out two donation jars or boxes. Every day, you can pick a this-or-that topic and let people vote by making a contribution. Marvel or DC? Crunchy or smooth peanut butter? Android or iPhone? The answer that has raised more money at the end of the day will be declared the winner! (Please exchange cash and coins into a money order/check before donation).
- **Cornhole Tournament:** At a set day and time, competitors pay an entry fee and gather to see who the best player is at this classic game. Very easy to organize and no cost is incurred!

- **You've Been Pinned:** JA can provide decorated "Viva Las Vegas" bowling pins to invade your colleagues' workspaces. A donation is required to send the pin to trespass on someone else's desk.
- **Trivia Challenge:** Distribute a list of trivia questions or have teams compete against each other. For each correct answer, participants get an entry into a prize drawing. For each incorrect answer, participants have to donate five dollars toward your team's fundraising goal.

Classic FUNdraisers:

- **Silent Auction:** Use the employee lunchroom or lobby for this very popular fundraiser!
- **Car Wash:** Have your senior staff or some hard-working volunteers wash cars in the parking lot.
- **Craft sale:** Get your crafty colleagues to show off their artistic sides and donate handmade items to sell.

Food FUNdraisers:

- **Bulk Food Sale:** Purchase a box of candy bars or other individually bagged munchies in bulk at bulk store like COSTCO. Put up a sign: "Help kids and satisfy your sweet tooth at the same time! \$__ (you set the price)". Change the item every week!
- **Coffee for a Cause:** Near the coffeepot place a flyer and a jar that could read: "Junior Achievement Month: Every time you drink a cup of coffee, please donate to benefit local JA students!" (you set the price or keep it open).
- **Lunch Sale:** An easy fundraiser that everyone loves! Bake the potatoes or make tacos and provide the toppings. Or make it easy, order pizza and charge per slice!
- **Bake Sale:** Who can resist home-baked goods or donuts? You can even host a silent auction bake sale that closes five minutes before lunchtime. Hungry shoppers - motivation to drive up the bids!

Sporting/Activity FUNdraisers:

- **Office Olympics:** Invite employees to compete in "athletic" events (turkey bowling, hula hooping, etc.) for silly prizes. Participants donate a fee to enter.
- **Fitness Contest:** Secure a local health club chain or a group of friends & co-workers in a weight loss or fitness challenge. Charge for participation and offer prizes.

Bosses can help with your FUNdraising:

- **Go Home Early:** The boss collects \$25 at the front door from every employee who wants to leave work early.
- **Lunch With CEO/President:** Any employee reaching a goal of \$___ will be treated to a lunch with the CEO or President. What a great opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of the bowlers and their fundraising success.
- **Prime Parking:** Employees purchase raffle tickets to win the boss' parking spot or a designated prime spot for a day or week.
- **Popularity Contest:** Set out a donation jar for each member of your organization's leadership team. The manager with the most money donated will have to participate in a dare – do 30 push-ups, sing at the next staff meeting, wear a jersey of their favorite team's biggest rival, etc.