



Day Care Fundraising Ideas

1. **Date Night** - stay open late and “babysit” for the families so that they can have a date night. Of course...charge for the evening and donate it to your team.
2. **Dimes Make a Difference** - give each child an empty water bottle and ask them to collect dimes. Each bottle holds approximately \$92 in dimes!! There are fun labels available with your staff partner or at the ACS office.
3. **Charity Night** - contact your local fast food restaurant or pizza place and ask if you can have a charity night at their location. Invite your clients to come out and have dinner at the allotted time (i.e. 5:00pm-8:00pm). 20 percent of all proceeds raised during that time will be given to your Relay For Life team.
4. **Dinner To Go** - make “carry out meals” for your clients to purchase. Casseroles work great. All you have to do is include warming instructions. Orders can be taken in advance.
5. **Sun & Moons Sales** - Sun & Moons donation cards can be obtained from your staff person or local ACS Office. Sell them for \$1.00 and put them up around your facility.
6. **“Links for a Cure”**- have families buy paper links for \$1.00 and have them put their name on it or the name of someone that they love who has battled cancer. Hang the chain link at your center.
7. **Quarters for a Cure** - ask Wal-mart, Walgreens, CVS, etc. to donate plastic film canisters (from photo lab). Give each student one canister and ask them to fill it with quarters (each canister will hold \$7.00 in quarters). Ask 1st period teachers to collect and record how many canisters each student brings. Reward the top 3 individuals with prizes and reward the top class with a party.
8. **Day Care Mini Relay** - turn key package for planning and implementing available via ACS staff person.
9. **Bake Sale** - Have all the parents make an item and invite them to purchase a different item.
10. **Putting a Face on Cancer** - Day Care Center uses a real person fighting or lost to cancer as the focus of their fundraising efforts. This helps put a face on a disease most elementary students may be too young to understand. For example, if a student or staff member has been lost after a very long battle with cancer – put photo on button and have students wear on their Relay T-shirts.
11. **Tree of Hope** - center paints a large, bare tree with many branches on hallway wall. Children sell suns and moons and place on tree as leaves.
12. **Krispy Kreme doughnuts sale** - sell in driveway of school as parents drop off kids in the morning. Example: Do only twice a year, selling about 400 boxes each time at \$3/box of dozen - \$2400 raised.
13. **Read-A-Thon** - children commit to asking teachers, family and friends to sponsor them on a per book basis or with a flat donation for the books they read during a designated time period.
14. **Children’s Olympic Games** - “Children’s Olympics”, complete with award medals/ribbons and inexpensive prizes (all donated, of course). Traditional games could include: 3 legged race * egg on spoon relay race * egg toss * disk toss * long jump * hula hoop – who can do it the longest * potato sack race * “dizzy lizzy” – run to other end and put your forehead on the top of a baseball bat, circle 10 times, then run back to tag teammate who does the same * sponge relay * tug of war * ball toss * bubble gum blowing contest
15. **‘Green’ Fundraising** - encourage student teams to decorate cloth grocery bags and sell for a donation.
16. **Piggy Bank Challenge** - give each child a piggy bank and see who can fill it the fastest and with the most!
17. **Pajama Day** - each child can wear pajamas to school for a small donation to your Relay team.

18. **Day Care Garage Sale** - invite all of the clients to donate slightly used and unwanted items for a garage sale at your location. A win/win for everyone.
19. **Family Portraits** - get a photographer to donate their services to take family portraits or portraits of the children. The parents pay a small sitting fee that is donated to your RFL Team and the photographer can give a % of sales to your team in the parents decide to order and pictures.
20. **Cook Book** - create a cookbook of Quick Healthy Meals for your families to purchase.
21. **Face Painting** - set up a face painting tent at your local Relay For Life.
22. **Story Time** - have story time sessions in the evening or weekends. For a small donation families from the community can come to story time at your center
23. **Lemonade Stand** - have a large lemonade stand at a local fair or community event. Kids and lemonade go together...so this is a natural fit.
24. **Beauty Day** - partner with a local saloon in town. Have the beauticians come to your location during pick-up time. The parents can get their hair done and the kids can play a little longer...for a donations.
25. **Book Sales** - collect new and gently used books and have a table of books for sale. This can be ongoing and sales can be collected over the year. Advertise with the parents, your local library, churches, schools, etc.
26. **Purse Party** - invite the parents to join you and buy purses. A portion of the proceeds can go to your Relay team.
27. **Present Wrapping** - have the parents drop-off the presents and your center wraps them for a donation. Try to get your paper donated from local stores...stop by after the holidays and see what they have left over. You will be stocked for next year. Wrap for holidays, birthdays, graduation, etc. You could even put together the "goodie bags" that people give away at parties or weddings.
28. **Letters to the Children** - would some of the children in your center appreciate a letter from Santa, the Easter Bunny, The Tooth Fairy, etc.? For a \$5 - \$10 donation, you can create a personalized letter to the child and mail it to their home!! Get specific details from the parents, so the children truly believe!
29. **Sales Book Party** - think about Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, PartyLite, Lia Sofia, etc. You can hold a book party with the parents and a % of sales can go back to your RFL Team.
30. **Pancake Breakfast with Santa / Easter Bunny, etc.** - the kids will love this one. All of the families can be invited for a special breakfast with one of the above characters. A great family morning!