

Fundraising Ideas

- **Corporate Matching Gift** – Ask your company to match the amount of pledges you receive from your coworkers.
- **Garage Sale** – Spring and fall are great times to clean out unwanted items and host a garage sale for your walk team.
- **Bake Sale** – Host a bake sale with your friends or at your child's school.
- **Keep the Change** – Turn your small change into additional dollars for your fundraising efforts.
- **Office Fundraising Challenge** – Challenge your coworkers to raise funds for your team. Hand out fundraising envelopes and provide an award or incentive to the top fundraiser.
- **Business Support** – Ask your gym, local restaurants or other local businesses to place a money jar at the front of their establishment.
- **Happy Hour Party** – Invite all your friends (and their friends) to a happy hour and charge them a small cover fee. Invite them to join your team or give additional donations. Host a 50/50 raffle.
- **Birthday for a Cause** – Instead of gifts, have your friends and family write a check to Bill & Virginia Leffen Center for Autism on your behalf.
- **The Bill Collectors** – Ask your doctor, dentist, insurance agent or hair stylist to write a check for you instead of the other way around!
- **Neighborly Love** – Call your neighbors or pay them a visit and ask them to donate.
- **Karaoke Night** – Host a karaoke night at your local bar and have people give donations to sing.
- **Curse Jar** – Place a curse jar in the office – whenever someone says a bad word, they have to open up their wallet and put a dollar in the jar.
- **Company Grants** – Find out if your company offers grants to employees who volunteer their time for charitable causes. If you need a letter confirming your volunteer activities, we can provide one for you.
- **Church Bulletin** – Put a note in your church bulletin inviting members of the congregation to join your team at the walk!
- **Schools** – Get your child's classroom or school to help you fundraise.
- **Alumni Organization** – Ask your alma mater to make a donation.
- **Ask for the Right Amount** – Don't miss the opportunity to increase your ask to a larger pledge when you think it is doable.
- **Clubs and Organizations** – Send a solicitation letter to your local Knights of Columbus, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Kiwanis or other local group.
- **Get an Article in Your Local Paper or Publication** – Contact Freeman Health System marketing department at 417.347.4623 to share your human interest story about why you are walking.