



## WISHMAKERS ON CAMPUS®

### PROJECT IDEAS

#### **Have a Dance Marathon**

Reserve your school's gymnasium or cafeteria. Students can obtain pledges from relatives and friends and ask local businesses to make cash donations or donate food or gifts to use as prizes for dancers. Think of fun themes for each hour i.e. the 70's hour, and devise activities to keep dancers motivated, i.e. play the hokey pokey, do the limbo, etc.

#### **Host a Bachelor and Bachelorette Auction**

Ask each fraternity, sorority, sports team and student organization to have one representative volunteer to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Arrange to hold the auction on campus or at a local restaurant, create a small program listing the major and hobbies of each participant and get "dinner for two" gift certificates donated by local restaurants for each couple.



#### **Coordinate a Softball, Volleyball, Dodgeball, Soccer, Basketball or Flag Football Tournament**

Post flyers announcing the tournament. Invite student organizations to participate. Ask a local restaurant to donate refreshments or prizes for the winning team. Charge an admission fee for each team. You can also sell official tournament T-shirts.

#### **Have a Bowl-A-Thon**

Students ask friends and relatives to sponsor them for a certain amount per pin or a flat donation. They collect pledges based on the number of pins they hope to knock down. If they collect five cents per pin per sponsor and score 100, they'll collect a \$5.00 donation per sponsor. Ask your local bowling alley to donate a few lanes for the event.

#### **Organize a 5K Walk for Wishes**

Charge a \$5 entrance fee or have students collect pledges to participate. Put flyers up in local businesses inviting the community to participate. Get refreshments donated from local restaurants. If you ask participants to collect pledges to participate, give the top fundraiser a prize.



### **Plan a Jail-A-Thon**

Elect a few people to be the deputies. Students pay to have their friends and teachers arrested. Those arrested are taken to a roped-off spot on campus. They can pay bail or stay for their entire sentence - approximately ten minutes.

### **Plan a Halloween, End of Semester, Valentine's, Mardi Gras or St. Patrick's Day party**

Ask each student to make a \$3 or \$5 donation at the door.

**Have a Fashion Show:** Students borrow dresses and tuxedos from local retailers, sell advertisements for the program booklets and solicit local businesses for prizes to be raffled off at the event.



### **Sell Holiday Candy-grams**

For a \$1.00 donation, students purchase a small candy bar and write a message to a friend. Each message is attached to the candy bar and delivered on Halloween, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, etc.

**Sell pizza, hoagies, donuts, bagels, or fruit:** Schools often work with local establishments which supply pizza, hoagies, etc. to raise funds for charity. Students take orders from friends and relatives and collect the donations when they deliver the food.

**Host a Spaghetti Dinner or Pancake Breakfast:** You can work with a local restaurant or a group of students can help with the cooking. Invite students, families and residents of the community. Charge a small admission fee.

### **Sell Make-A-Wish items**

Sell Make-A-Wish paper stars, bracelets, koozies and/or cups. The paper stars sell for \$1, bracelets for \$2, koozies for \$3 and cups for \$3. The Make-A-Wish Foundation will provide these items to you.

### **Dollar drive**

Encourage people on campus to donate \$1. Devise creative ways for 100% participation.

### **Survivor kits**

During mid-terms or finals, sell "survivor kits" full of munchies to keep up students' energy during late night study sessions.

### **Signature chefs**

Solicit chefs to donate their time and cook at someone's home for a party. Another idea is to have a chef's tasting event. Charge admission or pay for cooking lessons.



**Dress Down Day/Hat Day:** Students with a dress code in their schools can contribute a small fee to wear casual clothes or a hat to school for the day. Staff can participate in dress down day as well.

**Used CD/Book/DVD Sale:** Students bring in used, unwanted items to be sold at school. Each should be organized by category and priced to go (.5-\$1 each), depending on the condition of the items. Your school and local libraries are a great source for donations for this project. Any unsold items can be donated at the end of the sale.

**Have a Pie-In-The-Face Contest:** You can sell raffle tickets for a chance to throw a whip cream pie in the face of your favorite teacher at your next assembly or sporting event. Be sure to have the teacher wear a large, plastic garbage bag over his/her clothes!

### **Cook-off**

Include other student organizations in the competition. Structured like a chili cook-off, voting is done by collecting money in a jar and donating the funds to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

### **Recycled can collection**

Hold a recycled can collection on campus and donate the proceeds to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



### **Other Ideas**

Talent show, Concert with a local band, Scavenger hunt, Giant Twister match, Car wash, and Campus garage sale.

You are welcome to come up with your own ideas as well! Don't forget to have your event approved before getting started. Contact Make-A-Wish Foundation® of South Carolina at 864-250-0702 or Mary Silverberg at [msilverberg@sc.wish.org](mailto:msilverberg@sc.wish.org).

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