

## Activities/Fundraising Ideas

\*NOTE: Money raised through these fundraisers would go to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Illinois Chapter

### General Fundraisers

"Dyeing to End ALZ" - teachers or administrators can volunteer to temporarily dye their hair purple; Students vote who they want to do this, by filling that person's jar with money; The person with the most money in their jar, has to die his/her hair

"Go Purple" or "Casual for a Cause" - students/staff make a donation in order to wear purple or dress casual during a spirit week or on a specified day

Encourage parents who have specific skills or hobbies (like art, cooking, yoga, or dance) to volunteer to teach a class and charge participants to attend

Teams can partner with local grocery stores and offer to bag items or help people to their cars for donations

Catering Night - a local restaurant provides sandwiches or snacks to sell at an event

Clean up around your community and have friends and family donate a set amount for each bag you fill with trash

Clean up your local sports stadium following a game, in exchange for a donations

"Cream The Other Team"/"Whip The Other Team" - whoever raises the most between two opposing schools leading up to a game, gets to pie the other team's coach at half time

Dance Marathon

In-Kind Donations - get companies to donate raffle prizes, major or minor league tickets, memorabilia, etc.

"Good Luck Grams" for players - students can pay to send "Good Luck Grams" to their friends on the team

Hold a board game tournament and charge a small entry fee

Hold a car wash

Host a bake sale or a have a bake-off and charge to participate

"Make Your Teachers Play" - teachers volunteer to participate, then kids fill their jar and the teachers who earn the most, have play in a game against the team

Manage the coat checks for formal events at area hotels and collect tips

Offer a drop-in babysitting night at school - students (under adult supervision) can entertain the children for a few hours while their parents grab dinner or run errands

Organize a community yard sale in the school parking lot and "rent" spaces to families and vendors

Paint night - charge money for people to paint mugs or other ceramic items

"Pick the MVP" - friends and family can pay to have their student named MVP and win a prize

"Pie the Principal"/"Pie the Prof" - students must reach a fundraising goal in order to pie a staff member (who volunteers)in the face

Raffle off teachers (who volunteer to participate) to do an activity with one or two students - playing "guitar hero", baking cookies, volunteering at an animal shelter, etc.

Offer raffle prizes or auction off items like the "game ball" or sporting equipment

"Recycling to Remember" - getting money for recycling

Resturaunt night - a portion of the proceeds from the night goes to the charity

Roller rink or ice skating night - charge an entry fee

School carnival, game night, concert, etc. - charge an entry fee

Sell accessories - water bottles, sunglasses, hats, etc.

Sell apparel

Sell carnations or candy grams on or near Valentine's Day (can be customized for many holidays)

Sell concessions at an event

Send holiday cards to seniors - get local business like a greeting card store or paper company and people can pay to have cards sent to loved ones

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Shave to Save -teachers or administrators can volunteer to shave their heads; Students vote who they want to do it by filling that person's jar with money; The person with the most money in their jar, has to shave his/her head

Soak the Coach: Coaches can volunteer; Students vote who they want to do it by filling that person's jar with money; The person with the most money in their jar, gets water/gatorade dumped over them at a game

Special guest - (A local athlete, sportscaster, someone with Alzheimer's disease etc.) throws out the first pitch, or announces the game and you can charge for tickets

Host a spelling bee or academic decathlon and charge an entry fee

Sponsor a pancake breakfast at a local restaurant that is normally open only for lunch or dinner; proceeds go to charity

"Test The Teacher" - quiz game for kids to ask teachers their questions about pop culture; kids pay to play or donate to get their question asked

Sell tickets to big games or tournaments

Web campaign approach like "Go Fund Me"

"What Will the Principal Do?" (or teachers) - if students reach a set goal, the principal agrees to wear a goofy costume for a day, get squirt gunned on the playground, pied in the face, etc.

Work as cashiers or servers at a local restaurant in exchange for some of the night's proceeds

Work the concession stand at school or local athletic events and collect tips and/or a portion of the proceeds

Wrap gifts during the holiday season at the school or a local retail store and collect tips or get a local business to sponsor you to wrap gifts for seniors in a care facility

Ask local businesses to invite customers to round up their bill to the nearest dollar, with the difference going to the charity

Hold a 50-50 raffle - your team splits raffle proceeds equally with the raffle winner

Raffle off a gas card worth \$300 or more

Sell candy or homemade baked goods during lunch breaks or extracurricular activities

Sponsor a competitive coin drive at school--Every penny adds points to the jar and silver coins subtract points. Even teams ending up with negative points are sure to have collected a lot of cash!

Write letters to local businesses requesting donations

Sell meals at school before evening events (like PTA meetings) for parents that didn't have time to get dinner beforehand

Coordinate a coffeehouse at the school and invite student acoustic bands, jazz acts, interpretive dancers, and poets to perform

Organize a drive-through spaghetti supper or barbeque dinner and sell meals to busy parents on their way home from work

Plan a school dance or carnival and sell tickets and refreshments.

Sell tickets to a "Battle of the Bands" or talent show.

Ask teachers to participate in a good-natured "Teacher Torture" day where they volunteer to do fun stunts, like color their hair or wear pajamas to school, and students make donations in different jars of which stunt they want most to see; the jar with the most money is the stunt the teacher has to do

Character night - characters from Disney or kids movies come dressed up and kids can attend the "ball" or "adventure" night with them; charge an entry fee

Contact the community relations office of a nearby national sports team and ask if they will sell you a block of seats at a discounted rate; Sell the tickets to your school at face value and have a fun "night at the game" spirit event

Organize a dodgeball tournament and charge participants an entry fee

Sponsor a "Rock-a-thon" - students rock in a rocking chair during a lock-in or after-school event to raise money

Sponsor a Flamingo Flocking: community members can pay to have a pink flamingo stuck in a friend or foe's front yard, and recipients can pay to have it moved

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### Direct Sales

Attractions or Entertainment coupon books

Bulk fruit from Florida

Candles

Chocolate or candy bars

Christmas trees or Christmas wreaths

Donuts

Flower bulbs

Frozen cheesecakes

Frozen cookie dough

Gift cards or SCRIP

Gift wrap

Glow necklaces

Ground coffee

Home décor

Hams

Lollipops

Magazines

Nuts and popcorn

Pizza discount cards

Pizza kits

Poinsettias

School logo merchandise (t-shirts, sweatshirts, flip flops, auto air fresheners)