



Employee Fundraising Ideas

Inn from the Cold's vision is a community where no family is homeless. We rely on support from a wide range of businesses, large and small. There are many ways your company can get involved at a team level to offer a helping hand to our families.

Online Silent Auction

Fundraise in a whole new way! Use "Ebay Fundraising" to run an online silent auction. Solicit auction items from your company, clients, friends and family then log onto <http://pages.ebay.ca/charity/> to post the items. Send an email out to let everyone know about the auction and watch the bids roll in!

Stampede Chili Cook-Off

Do you have a specialty dish? Challenge your team, co-workers, friends, etc. to a cook-off. Each entry pays a small fee. The judges (who can be managers/department heads or everyone else who's not in the cook-off) make a donation to sample the entries and place their vote. Make sure you have a fun prize for the winner!

Restaurant Take Over

Partner with a local restaurant and volunteer to serve as dishwashers, bus persons and buffet servers. You can negotiate an amount the restaurant owner would donate for the volunteer services. Invite other employees or your favorite customers for a fun night. You can also set up a donation box by the cash register for additional contributions.

Don't Come Event

A don't come event is a clever way of asking for donations in a creative and humorous manner. The catch is, this event will never actually happen. You send invitations to supporters for a spectacular event with scrumptious food, exciting entertainment, and a glamorous guest of honor and then you ask them not to attend. Ticket sales become a direct donation to the Inn from the Cold. Create a website for the non-event and make it fun by having people submit testimonials of the great time they never had!

Rent a Manager

Employees donate funds to have their manager do a specific job for one hour. Employees may pool their funds and decide on the job as a group to make it more interesting. Managers must be willing to participate for it to be successful.

60-Minute Club

We all know there is strength in numbers. Ask the people in your organization to donate one hour or more of their salaries to Inn from the Cold.

By using payroll deductions, the steps are as follows:

- Circulate copies of a "60-Minute Club" form explaining the program and as a sign-up.
- Drop forms off to the payroll or human resources department
- Combine all employee donations and send one cheque for the total amount to Inn from the Cold.

You'll soon discover that you can pack a lot of power in an hour. This money could be matched corporately as well.