

FUNdraising Ideas

Sale of Services

Babysitting – If you love kids, this idea will be a piece of cake – and the parents can have a nice, quiet night out of the house!

Car Wash – Can you see your friends' cars under all that dirt? Approach a local gas station or firehouse about setting up a car wash and get friends to help you for 4-5 hours on a Saturday. Note: Look for BUSY intersections and places where many cars drive by.

Dog Wash – Enough said! (See Car Wash and apply the same principles.)

House Sit /Pet Sit – Are your friends going on a vacation or business trip soon? Maybe they'll need a trusted pal to look after the place while they're gone!

Neighborhood Chores – Are you a Mr. or Ms. Fix-it? Your neighbors would probably prefer to pay for your help than someone they find in the yellow pages. Hang signs around your neighborhood to advertise your services (i.e. watering gardens, cleaning roof gutters, sweeping the driveway, fixing an easy plumbing problem, painting a room, etc.)

Stadium/Coliseum Clean Up – No one likes to clean but someone has to do it! Contract with a local venue to provide clean up service after big events when they need quick turnarounds for their location (the Erwin Center in Austin pays about \$800 for three hours of clean-up [sometimes less] when you have 30 people present).

Garage Sale – This can be done individually or in a group. Gather all the items you want to donate and ask your teammates and neighbors to donate items as well. Be sure to put an ad in the paper, pass out flyers and hang lots of directional signs. Many local papers will publish free ads for garage sales that benefit nonprofits. Check with your local law enforcement agency to see if you can post flyers around town. Ask friends and neighbors to help put up flyers in local churches, supermarkets, schools, etc. Many people are willing to pay more for items when you let them know that all proceeds go to LIVESTRONG. Also have a donation jar and plenty of copies of your letter – many people who come for the garage sale will donate to you.

Used Book Sale – Blow the dust off those old books and let someone else read them! Also ask your friends, family and neighbors to donate their old books, and set up a weekend book sale in your front yard. Distribute LIVESTRONG information so people will know where the money is going. Once they learn you're raising money for the LAF, they may even give you more money!