



1. **Skier Campaign:** Sell the skiers at work (your office or cubicle) or ask a local business to put them up. People pay a minimum of a \$1 for them and write their name or in support or memory of someone on it. Be in charge of collecting the money for the OCSO.
2. **VIP Parking Spot:** Have a fundraising competition amongst your co-workers and the winner gets one week or one month of parking in the coveted spots close to the front door!
3. **Get a Bin:** Put a OCSO sign on a bucket at your local Laundromat, pizza joint, lunch room at work, etc. Stop by and pick up the money weekly. (Just make sure to ask the manager for permission!) Do you work at a store? See if you can include this at your work!
4. **Brown Bag Days** Have employees bring a brown bag lunch and donate the cost of what they would have spent at the cafeteria or a restaurant.
5. **“Biggest Loser” Contest:** Have each employee pay \$25–50 to participate. Hold Weekly Weigh Ins, with little prizes for each week’s winner. At the end of 6 or 8 weeks, whoever is the biggest loser wins 25% of the group’s total donations and the rest goes toward the Oregon Cancer Ski Out. (Example: 10 people at \$50 = \$500, Winner Receives \$125, \$375 toward your OCSO team!)
6. **Restaurant programs:** Restaurants will usually give you 10–25% of the night’s profits that you bring in with a flyer. **Ask your local manager today.** Restaurants are usually happy to do this, as it drives business to their store!

7. **Host a Concert with a Local Band:** Contact a local band and see if they will donate all or a portion of the cover charge to the OCSO.
8. **Guest Bartender:** Friends with your local bartender? Ask him/her to put a sign up one night that says all tips get donated to the Oregon Cancer Ski Ot. Or talk to a local bar about being a “guest bartender” for a night for a cut of the profits or cover charge (as long as you help promote the night!).
9. **Garage Sale:** Collect old "stuff" from friends and family. Auction "stuff" on EBay, or hold a garage sale (make sure to pick up donuts and make coffee to sell for the morning, too). Have Oregon Cancer Ski Out signs displayed to make sure donors know where proceeds are directed.
10. **Follow up on your letter:** Call or send a postcard or letter to the people who haven't donated yet. Postcard idea: go to www.cardstore.com and download your favorite picture and create a postcard to send to everyone with your update. You can create an address book online and use the same list to send thank-you notes and event follow-ups. You just type in the info and pay for postage online... they take care of the rest!
11. **Raffle a Day Off!:** Ask your boss or the owner of the company to donate a paid day off to the winner of the drawing. Sell tickets for \$5-\$25 to your co-workers (this is an easy way for most companies to contribute without donating cash).
12. **Throw a basic “party”:** (“Come on over! Pay me \$10 at the door!”) Super Bowl (Do a bracket), Grammy’s & Oscars (Do a ballot). Blind Bag wine tasting. Yard “Olympics” with a BBQ. Dinner Party.
13. **Email Signature:** Add your fundraising page link to your e-mail signatures both personal and work e-mail (ask the boss first if it is your business account).
14. **Raffle and silent auction hints:** Get the prizes donated and have at least five items in the raffle. Charge \$5-\$10 for tickets.

15. Go to your high school alma mater and ask them (or just the athletic department) to do a "**spare change**" drive for you, placing buckets at the team's sporting events or concession stand. Collect the change and start rolling! (This is a great one for Students!)
16. Contact your **local high school's Student Council** or other "do-good" club and ask them if they would fundraise for you (holding their own event to profit your cause). Many high schoolers just need "a cause" and they are more than happy to throw a car wash or whatever (looks good on college apps!). Become their mentor and help them put the event together.
17. Contact your **local sorority/fraternity chapter** and tell them you are an alum, ask them if they would do one of their "charity events" for your cause. Or just ask them for help doing volunteer work for your own event (have them bake cookies to sell outside a grocery store, etc.).
18. **Work for a large company?** Check to see if your company will **match the funds** that you raise. Send around a big manila envelope with your letter taped to the one side and a donor form on the other. Send the envelope in rotation and have people place the checks right in the envelope. Or, place a display in the lunch room (a little sign with your picture or team picture) next to a bucket for donations or a pile of donor slips.
19. **Local Bingo games:** Make sure to help promote the night you get.
20. **Go door to door** in your neighborhood (better yet... go door to door in someone else's neighborhood... it's less embarrassing). No need to knock, just place a flyer with all your info on their door (not in/on the mailbox, that's illegal!).
21. **Host a tournament** (tennis/ bowling/ basketball 3 on 3): For bowling, you pay a flat fee for the night, you provide lanes and snacks. Charge per person or team, and set the round robin going. Give prizes for the winner or worst bowler.

22. **Sell Holiday Candy-Grams:** For a specified donation, people purchase a small candy bar and write a secret message to a friend/co-worker. Each message is attached to the candy bar and delivered. Works for Halloween, Valentines' Day, St. Patrick's, ect.
23. Ask your boss if you can host a **"Dress Down Friday"**. Employees buy a button for \$5-\$25 and get to "dress down" on an assigned day. They can wear, "Ask me why I am wearing jeans for the Oregon Cancer Ski Out" to start client conversations and ask them to donate or join the team.
24. **Team Spirit Day:** Each employee pays \$5-\$25 to wear their favorite team t-shirt, sweatshirt.
25. **Hold a car wash:** Do this in your office parking lot with other co-workers and offer it at a premium price to the other companies in the building. You are saving them time!! Advertise before hand and place Oregon Cancer Ski Out signs all over.
26. **Host a fundraising concert:** Ask the bar to donate back part of the proceeds.
27. **Have a bake sale or if you make something else well, sell that.**
28. Many people are now using "**friend sites**" such as Facebook, Twitter, and Google plus to spread the word. Post a shortened version of your fundraising letter with a link to your personal fundraising page. You will be surprised with the result!
29. **How about asking these folks for just \$25?:** your dentist, dry cleaner, hairdresser, pharmacist, doctor, real estate agent, accountant, veterinarian, attorney, sorority/fraternity or alumni, mechanic, financial advisor, all the other soccer moms on your kid's team, insurance agent, lawn service company, your professors, home owners association members, and the employees of other companies in your office building (put up a sign in their lunchroom!).

