

Fund Raising Event Ideas

Ideas! Ideas! Ideas! These are just to get you started. Once you have an event in mind, SADS can put you in touch with others who have done similar things, lend a voice of experience, and help email invitations to SADS Foundation supporters!

Silent or Live Auction

Contact local merchants and businesses about donating goods or services to be auctioned off to raise funds for the SADS Foundation. Remind them that all donations are tax deductible and great advertising. SADS Foundation staff can help with solicitation and tax receipt letters. The auction can be held in conjunction with many of the event ideas listed here.

Choice Event

Do you like to go to the theater? Are you a fan of the local professional sports team? Do you like to ski, boat, snowmobile, or rock climb? Do you enjoy a night at the symphony? Most of venues will donate tickets to charitable organizations. You could get sets of tickets donated, sell them to family and friends, and the money normally paying for a night or day adventure is then donated to the SADS Foundation.

School Fundraising Event

Find out how many kids at your children's school would like to help raise awareness as well as funding for the Foundation. The kids collect sponsorships for participating in specific school sports (jumping rope, track, team sports), events (school dances, bake sales), or community services projects.

Current Professional Sports Event

Hey sports fans, this one's for you. Why not host a sports party with all the fixings and send the money you would have spent out at a sports bar, grill or restaurant to the SADS Foundation? One family in Maryland does this every year by charging an "entrance fee" to their family and friends to watch the Super Bowl together. Everyone has a great time and the SADS Foundation is the beneficiary!

Spa Day

Service providers donate massages, manicures, pedicures, and facials. Participants pay for the services and the service providers get free advertising. The event can be hosted at a house and include neighborhood friends and family, or at a community center and accommodate a larger crowd.

Movie Night

Most movie theaters will rent out a theater for group events on weeknights. Many will also include donated passes that can be sold at regular or discounted ticket prices to all those in attendance. Families and high school kids love this event!

Tournaments: Golf, Tennis, Bowling

Many community and private courses, courts or lanes will assist in arranging for a tournament with as few as 24 players and as many as 100. You could decide the mode of play, the prizes (which could be donated or purchased) and charge an entrance fee. After expenses, the proceeds can be sent to the Foundation.

Fashion Show

Some local merchants will sponsor 'fashion shows' of their merchandise. The models can be community leaders, politicians, or your family! These events are usually held at community centers or hotels and a small entrance fee is charged. The merchant then donates 10% or 15% of any sales that come from the event.

Dinner Party

You can host a dinner evening inviting friends and acquaintances to hear your story and learn more about SADS. This is a wonderful opportunity gather with friends; raise awareness and funds for the SADS Foundation.

Please tell us about your special event. Have Fun!!