

FUN-Raising Event Ideas

Host a Volunteer Alexandria FUN-Raising Event to Supplement Your Online Fundraising Efforts

Volunteer Alexandria actively encourages our registered fundraisers to host third party* events to supplement their online fundraising efforts. These FUN-raising events not only raise additional funds, they also raise awareness for the organization.

Team or Work Place FUN-raising Ideas

- Host a \$5 day – employees donate \$5 to be able to do something outside of normal activities
 - Wear jeans to work on a Tuesday
 - Bring your dog to work day
 - Leave work 30 minutes early or come in 30 minutes later
 - Crazy hat day
- Homemade lunch at the office (bring your favorite dish to share instead of going out) – ask for donations to enjoy the meal
- Host a cook off during or after work and suggest a donation of \$5 to taste the creations
- Place a money jar in the office for employees to donate spare change or dollars
- Host a cook out for lunch and purchase hot dogs, chips, drinks, etc. and suggest a \$5 or \$10 donation to enjoy the meal
- Work with a local bar or restaurant to host a happy hour with a percentage of proceeds going to Volunteer Alexandria

Individual FUN-raising Ideas

- Plan a party at a local bar, restaurant, or your own home. Ask for a suggested donation for Volunteer Alexandria to attend
- Offer to babysit for family or friends and donate the “fee” to Volunteer Alexandria
- Host a bake sale
- Host a neighborhood car wash (think April pollen!)
- Host a board game party
- Host a yard sale
- Host a wine tasting party
- Host an ice cream sundae party
- Host an at-home business party (a portion of sales goes to Volunteer Alexandria instead of hostess earning gifts)

If you host any of the above events and follow the guidelines below, you do not need to get approval prior to your event.

- **Funds:** All “event prices” must be worded as “suggested donation” amounts. No one can be turned away for not making the “suggested donation.”
- **Tax-deductibility:** A suggested donation from the attendee is considered tax-deductible.
- **How to Send in Funds:** After the event, send in the donations using the check donation form or make an online donation to your page for that exact amount. The online total will appear automatically; the check total will be added after the check and form are received by Volunteer Alexandria.

If you hold a public event at a local bar or restaurant, meeting the guidelines above, please [contact us](#) with the event details so we can post on the Volunteer Alexandria calendar and announce on our Facebook page to help you gain greater event exposure.

If your FUN-raising event falls outside the list of events above (including similar events that include a fixed or mandatory entrance fee), please contact Volunteer Alexandria at development@volunteeralexandria.org to get approval prior to planning your event.

Volunteer Alexandria requires this step so that we can track your event for media purposes and to ensure that you have a basic understanding of the IRS rules and regulations of 3rd party fundraising.

*Any individual or organization (outside of Volunteer Alexandria) that organizes and hosts an event, promotion, or sale, on behalf of Volunteer Alexandria is defined as a “third party fundraiser.”