

PSC Partners Save the Day! International Fundraising Weekend
Fundraising Ideas

For Superheroes who don't want to plan:

It's Jar-ring how much money can accumulate in a spare change jar, swear jar, desk fountain, etc. So, make it a house rule. Even better, see if you can get your pals to make it a house rule, too. Then make it a habit. Every day empty out your pockets, purses and backpacks and toss all the change into your dedicated jar. After a few months or a year, count it all up and donate it to PSC Partners on the weekend for research, education and to get on the path to the cure.

Overachiever Effort: Make a guess. Everyone in the family guesses how much money your jar's going to accumulate by your designated donate date. Whoever comes in closest, does nothing. All other guessers add another \$1, \$5, whatever you decide, to the donation jar.

Got a job? Do chores? Get an allowance? Well, then you're in luck. You've got everything you need to start earning those super stripes. Donate a portion (or all) of your babysitting/allowance/lawn-mowing/pet-walking money, etc., for a month, two months, a year. Just think, if you donate just \$5 a week for an entire year that's \$260 towards the cause. Whoa, baby, that's some good progress! Overachiever Effort: Get friends in on the action. Have all your buddies grab a rake or a lawn-mower and try to outmatch each other. Form your own Babysitter's Club and see how much you can earn as a group. Do extra chores and see how quickly you can reach a set goal!

Take the opportunity. Friends and family not know what to get you for the big day? How about a donation in the amount of your age (or the one you wish you were) to your favorite non-profit, PSC Partners. Use your Facebook status for good. Announce an upcoming special occasion and ask for donations in lieu of gifts. (Make sure you tell people exactly how to donate and to mark their checks for "Save the Day!") Overachiever Effort: Get your friends, family and coworkers to join the generosity. Ask them to use their special days to earn PSC Partners funds as well. Challenge those around you. Write a check for \$10 and see how many people you can get to match it with checks of their own.

For Superheroes who are down with the planning:

Well, we all know that when the townsfolk band together, amazing things can happen. So, why not start your own spectacular force of friends and neighbors? Use cover charges to your advantage. Hold a karaoke party, a theme party, a movie night. The options are endless. You get a great time with your pals and provide the location/movie/karaoke machine. They get to give to a worthy cause and have a ball. You can even make it a contest. Charge everyone \$5 or \$10 to get in and then pick a "winner" for your movie quiz, karaoke contest, costume contest, etc., and provide them with a small prize. Overachiever Effort: Make it a monthly do.

Get the community involved. Contact your church, temple, school, local businesses, daycares, etc. See if they'd be up for a fundraiser. Ask about a Dress Down Day. Employees pay a set amount and can dress down. They love you, you love them and talk about an awareness booster! You can hold a bake sale, a book sale, a garage sale, a car wash. Hold a battle of the bands, a game night. Go bowling. You can go nuts with DDR or a video game tournament. Hold a Tupperware/Mary

Kay/Avon party. The options are endless. Overachiever Effort: Advertise your fundraiser. Now's not the time to be a shrinking violet. Shout your fundraiser from the rooftops. Call the radio, the local PTAs. If you get one school to agree, try another. See if you can get all the branches of your local library system, every church in the town, etc. The more you ask, the better a chance for a yes!

Eat it up and Dish it out. Hold a dinner party with a silent auction on the side. Ask your friends to bring no-longer-needed items and auction them off to each other. It's a total win/win. Everyone gets to donate, get rid of things they don't want and gets a brand new item to take home! Like pancakes? Spaghetti? Great, hold a breakfast or a dinner. Maybe you can even get a local restaurant to donate the food if you're lucky. A couple bucks "cover charge" and you've got the makings of a mighty tasty fundraiser. Overachiever Effort: Make a cookbook and sell it at your breakfast/dinner. Ask your friends to bring a friend to your next dinner party. The more people, the more items to auction off and funds and awareness to raise.

For Superheroes who want to end up on Cereal Boxes:

Take to the skies and shout from the rooftops while you're leaping those buildings in a single bound. Go to several local stores and ask them to donate 10% of their profits on PSC Partner's Save the Day day. Contact local newspapers and TV stations and ask them to tell your story and to mention how people can help while you spread awareness. Use your church or temple bulletins or your local community newsletter and get the word out on PSC awareness and let them know the importance of donations, both financial and organ! Start a letter-writing campaign and use that address book like you've never used it before. Old school friends, second cousins, college roomies, send them all letters and let them know you can use their help and that they can be heroes too. Need a sample letter? Contact me and I'll get you started (fundraising@pscpartners.org) Last but not least, be creative. The above fundraisers are pre-approved, but that's no reason you can't try for one of your own! Come up with a great idea, submit your plan and off you go! Overachiever Effort: Are you kidding? You're going to end up on a cereal box. You're already an overachiever!

Now, for a word from our sponsor: While you're out there saving the world, earning tons of green, don't forget that it's not just funds that we PSCers need to save the day. Awareness is key, so tell one and all about PSC and its devastating effects and how they can help. Don't forget organ donation awareness. Include information on how to become an organ donor since it's the ultimate heroism. Find out more at <http://www.pscpartners.org/organdonate>. No two ways about it. Organ donation saves lives. So, be green. Be super. Recycle yourself. Literally save dozens of lives by signing up to be an organ donor and convincing those around you to be heroes too! For more information, write to us at fundraising@pscpartners.org. And don't forget, you can download copies of our new informative handout: What Life's Like for a PSCer that will let friends and family know a bit about PSC Partners, the struggles that PSCers face and, most importantly, how they can help! Find it at: <http://www.pscpartners.org/brochures>