

Hello Northern California Youth Ambassadors,

It is important to remember, there is no right way or one way to fundraise. We believe the best way is by engaging in something you are passionate about – whether that be sports, music, baking, dancing. Whether big or small, in-person or online, serious or wacky—there really are no limits to how you can fundraise. We hope the list below will help inspire you! We will be updating this list (with your ideas!), so keep checking back. And please reach out if you have any questions!

Happy Fundraising!

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FUNDRAISING IDEAS

SALES

Are you crafty? A good baker? Or, maybe you can mix a good pitcher of lemonade? Use your amazing skills and set up a table at your school, local farmers market, or a busy corner of your neighborhood, and sell your items all while educating the community and driving awareness about T1D. Use your [Walk Team](#) or [Your Way Fundraising](#) page to accept donations for the items you sell. This enables your customers to receive a tax write off for their contributions. Happy Selling!

-Hand Crafted Jewelry Sale

-Friendship Bracelet Sale

-Crocheted Animals Sale

-Selling Slime to Cure T1D

-Plant Sale (Tips & Tricks - Ask a local nursery to donate seeds and/or potted plants for an Earth Day Sale)

-Lemonade Stand (Tips & Tricks – Take it virtual! For family and friends not able to join you, create a picture or icon of a glass of lemonade that you can post on people’s social media pages. Then ask everyone to "buy some lemonade" as a donation. When they do, post the image on their page with a special thank-you note!)

-Tie-dye or Custom T-shirt Sale

-Garage Sale (Tips & Tricks – See if you can get your neighbors to join in the sale to make it a Block Sale!)

-Bake Sale (Tips & Tricks – Make your bake sale educational by including the rounded carb amounts of the items you are selling. While paying, you can ask your customers to calculate how much insulin they would need to administer (using a 1:10 ratio) for the number of carbs they are purchasing. Those who calculate correctly win a free low supply candy! This helps your customers gain a better understanding of what it is like to live with T1D.)

AT YOUR SCHOOL OR IN THE COMMUNITY

-School Fundraiser (Tips & Tricks – Offer an after school program or activity, like a Dance for Diabetes or Talent Show and admission is a donation to your Fundraising Page.)

-Dog Walking

-Family Carwash

-Dimes for Diabetes (Tips & Tricks – Fundraise at school or in the community by having all your classmates bring in their spare change.)

-Mow-a-thon (Tips & Tricks - Hold a neighborhood mow-a-thon weekend where you and your family will mow everyone's lawn for a minimum donation.)

-Movie Party (Tips & Tricks - Host a movie party at your house. Every time the word “walk” is said in the movie, everyone antes up \$1 in a donation bowl. Have pizza donated and admission is a donation.)

-Game Night (Tips & Tricks - Host a game night; Monopoly, Dungeons & Dragons, Dominion, or Bingo. Serve donated food and drinks. Admission is donation to your Fundraising Page.)

-Speaking Opportunity (Tips & Tricks - Speak at your parents' work, place of worship, or local Service Clubs such as the Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary, etc.)

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Calling all athletes! Use your athletic skills to help fundraise for a cure! Or, maybe you are new to a sport and want to collect sponsorships for the number of miles you run or baskets you make. You can even create a tournament! Sports and athletic events provide many ways to fundraise and engage the community!

-Collect Sponsorships (Tips and Tricks - Invite people to "sponsor a mile" or a "basket" to show their support. Or, challenge yourself to train for an endurance event and ask everyone to support your personal challenge with a donation. You can also do a dance-a-thon and collect sponsorship for every hour of dancing.)

-Dodge Ball Tournament - (Tips & Tricks - Have each team fundraise to meet a specific goal or donate to participate — and then have fun dodging balls at your favorite local park!)

-Wiffle Ball Tournament (Tips & Tricks - Set an entry fee of a specific amount for teams of two. Then stagger game times and offer donated prizes for the 1st – 3rd place teams.)

-Neighborhood Olympics (Tips & Tricks - Set up various athletic activities or obstacles at a park or school yard (you'll need to ask for permission for the latter) to mimic Olympic events. And have your neighbors or classmates team up and fundraise for T1D research!)

MUSICAL TALENT

If you happen to have a musical talent or play an instrument, you can use it to fundraise!

-Plan a Concert or Performance (Tips & Tricks – Schedule a performance or concert with admission being a donation to your Fundraising Page. You can ask local stores to donate food and drinks.)

-Music Tutor (Tips & Tricks – Offer to help tutor younger children at your school or in your neighborhood in exchange for donations)

GET CREATIVE

One way to excite your community is to have something fun you will do if you reach your fundraising goal! You'll be amazed how many people will donate to help you reach that goal to see you die your hair blue or kiss a pig. Come up with your own creative challenge!