# **FESTIVE FUNDRAISING** DEASI



Nothing says Christmas like a Pantomime (oh yes it does!) If a local amateur dramatics group is putting on a production, ask if you can hold a collection in the interval or at the end of the show 02

The festive season is also one of indulgence, so why not give up chocolate or alcohol in the run up the Christmas and ask people to sponsor you to keep you motivated

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Fed up of receiving toiletry sets you'll never use or socks you don't like? Ask people to donate the money they would spend on you, to your fundraising page instead

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Thinking of unwanted presents – why not organise a gift amnesty? Everyone brings an unwanted gift and they are sold on to people who do want them

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Gather together friends and family to sing Christmas carols in exchange for donations or go Christmas carolling and hold a collection for people who have enjoyed your performance. It's amazing how much small change in people's pockets can quickly add up!

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Club helps Santa make some early rounds before Christmas and they are always looking for extra volunteers. In return they will often split the donations between their charity and your charity of choice, so get your friends together to help Santa and raise some money for Myton



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Instead of spending £5 on Secret Santa presents, ask your colleagues to set the limit at £4 and have everyone donate that spare £1 to your JustGiving page

You could use the money you would spend on Christmas cards to boost your sponsorship instead, and even ask others to do the same!

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If you're a creative person, why not have a stand at a local Christmas Fayre to sell handmade cards, gifts or decorations? Tell people the profit you make is going to be donated to charity; they may just buy more from you if they know their money is going to a good local cause

Wrapping presents is one part of Christmas you either love or hate. And if you're the kind of person who loves wrapping presents, and is good at it too, you could offer a gift wrapping service to other people in exchange for a donation towards your Santa Dash sponsorship. Or set up a gift wrapping station at work which several people can man and collect donations

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If it snows this winter set up a snowman building competition where everyone pays a small amount to enter and there is a prize for the winner 12



Make some warming hot chocolate complete with cream and marshmallows to sell to your colleagues

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Festive fancy dress is a brilliant way to get everyone in the seasonal spirit! Everyone pays £1 to wear their best – or worst – Christmas fancy dress or jumper for the day. If you are competitive then why not have a festive treat as the prize for the best dressed? Who doesn't love a bottle of Bailey's at Christmas?!

Get your workplace in the festive spirit with a bit of friendly competition - challenge everyone to spend a lunch break making their desk/workspace as Christmassy as possible. Then ask a panel of judges to give a prize to the best desk. People can enter for a small donation, and it makes your workplace look festive for Christmas

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Bake some seasonal goodies like mince pies or mini Christmas puddings to sell to friends, family and work colleagues Arrange a festive treasure hunt and charge people to enter as individuals or teams

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Hold a Christmas pub quiz! People pay £10 to enter and the winning team wins half of the total raised, with the other half going into your sponsorship pot 18



Get the kids involved with some festive colouring; the internet is full of colouring sheets you can print off for them to colour in. They can pay 50p to enter into a friendly competition with their friends to win a chocolate selection box



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Set up a festive selfie station with props for local children and/or pets and ask for a donation in exchange for the photos Buy some selection boxes and festive treats and then hold a raffle with them as prizes; all money raised can go towards your sponsorship

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Instead of a Christmas night out arrange a Christmas night in and ask your friends to donate the money they would have spent to your sponsorship pot

Ask your children if they will forgo one present from their Christmas list and make a donation to Myton instead

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Set up a Santa's Grotto for friends and family and charge for entry

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Encourage the kids to get crafty and sell homemade cards and gifts to friends and family

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Go all out and adorn your house with lots of lights and decorations, encourage your neighbours to join in, and leave out some collection buckets for impressed passers by



#### The Myton Hospices

We believe that everyone matters for every single moment of their life and that treating patients with dignity and respect is more important than meeting targets. We also know making someone feel better is not just about medicine – sometimes holding someone's hand or taking the time to listen to their fears makes the greatest difference.

In the last 12 months, we have supported thousands of patients and their families across Coventry and Warwickshire. This is in our hospices, via our patient and family support services and in the community through Myton at Home. We have to raise millions of pounds each year to continue providing our care free of charge.

Thank you, we can't do it without people like you!

#### For more information...

If you would like more information or if we can support you with any fundraising materials you need, please call the Fundraising Team on **01926 838892**.







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