

### **First Aid Kits**

A nice alternative to the food-oriented approaches, first aid kit fundraisers are especially good for elementary schools and scouting groups.

Basic first aid kits, especially the small purse-size ones, are in demand by anyone who has children while the more deluxe models are attractive to automobile and boat owners. Plus, there is a “feel-good” factor involved – customers feel good about the decision to be responsible.

There is a lot of diversity both in the type of kit available and in the selling prices. The small “Ouch Pack”, which consists of antiseptic wipes and adhesive bandages, sells for a mere \$2.00 while more deluxe models which include heavy-duty items like road flares and/or emergency blankets sell in the \$25.00 range.

### **Jail And Bail**

As kids we all love to play cops and robbers, but as we grow up we try to avoid the behind bars scenario as much as possible. There is still one time when it is fun to be escorted out and locked up in a make shift cell until your bail is raised. One of the best fundraisers of all time is the jail and bail, where willing participants are cuffed and booked.

Housed in a make shift cell where they make phone calls, pleading for donations to passersby for enough money to make bail as they watch the hot dog sales, cokes or other goodies as other students, family, neighbors and friends watch their jail bird!

### **Silent Auction**

This is definitely not one of the easiest fundraisers, but can be one of the most profitable. This has great money-making potential because all of the merchandise that you sell is donated to your fundraiser by parents, local vendors, and church members. Silent auction fundraisers are typically held in conjunction with another event like a formal dinner, a wine and cheese party or some other event designed to elicit conversation between guests.

Donated merchandise is creatively displayed around the room. Alongside each item is a description and information about the donor, with a bidding sheet where guests can write in their bids. Since bids are written down on a single sheet, they are available for all to see and each bid is slightly higher than the bid before it. Each bidder monitors the item(s) they have an interest in and increases their bids accordingly.

### **Karaoke Fundraising**

There are several ways to raise money by hosting a karaoke fundraiser. The common feature to all is an appropriate venue and a karaoke machine. Although small karaoke systems are available for home use, it's best to use a professional system, which will guarantee adequate volume and a large selection of songs, sometimes together with additional features such as the ability to record the performance and sell the CDs as extra fundraisers.

It may be worth asking local karaoke jockeys whether they would donate use of their equipment and / or time to the cause, but as the fundraiser needs to be on a popular night, it's likely that one will need to be rented.

So in what ways can funds be raised at a karaoke evening? The simplest is to charge admission to the event. Depending on the venue, this admission charge may have to cover simple refreshments for the evening.