

# 36.5 Crazy-Awesome Ways to Raise \$365 To Change Lives

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## **Serve:**

1. Fire-up your neighbors by doing needed work (shovel snow in the winter, rake leaves in the fall, pull weeds, paint, clean homes, help with technology, walk dogs, wash windows, babysit, pet-sit...etc.). Dedicate all or a portion of monies earned to help kids.
2. Dedicate some hours to serving your community (some ideas: trash pick-up, recycling, helping the elderly, feeding the homeless, working at a soup kitchen...etc.), ask friends and family to sponsor you (\$ per hour of service).
3. Have a car wash with all proceeds going to help kids.
4. Do extra work around the house and ask your parents to give towards your cause.
5. Host a beach or park clean-up party, raise money, get people to sponsor you and make the place beautiful!

## **Simplify:**

6. Shop-smart: Next time you go shopping, buy less expensive brands or buy fewer things, save the difference to help kids in need get clothes for school. Remember, every little bit counts!
7. Clip coupons for your mom and ask her to give all the savings towards your cause.
8. Eat less fast food: If you usually get 2 burgers, this time get one and give the extra money so that someone else won't starve today.
9. Continue with the older version of your favorite game then give the money you don't spend on the new version to help someone in poverty get an education.

## **Save:**

10. Get a part time job and save the money you earn to give some kids the incredible opportunity go to school.
11. Decorate a special jar, save a dollar a day for a year, BAM, you just saved \$365!
12. What's your spending weakness? Perhaps special drinks at Starbucks, upgrades, iTunes, jewelry, bling, swag, gadgets, games or fast-food? Give-up some of these, save then give all or a portion of the savings to strengthen others.

## **Show-Off (Your Skills):**

13. Do you make the best cookies in town? Bake a few batches then sell them at school, church, after-school events or anywhere people love cookies.
14. Are you a word-smith? Turn your house into a coffee shop and host a poetry slam – all proceeds to your favorite cause!
15. Can you paint or draw? Create some awesome art (maybe include your artistic friends). Host a show where you sell your work, give the money to make the world a more beautiful place!
16. You a baller? Host a clinic, charge an entry fee and help younger kids develop their skills!
17. Make crafts, bouquets, wreaths, jewelry and sell them at school, for other families, or for your team.

18. Do you make the most crazy-awesome bowl of chili in your town? Host a chili cook-off and have people donate to be contestants or for admissions! In the winter-time, go pass out bowls of chili to the homeless!
19. Host a talent or fashion show and strut your stuff.
20. Do you love taking pictures? Use your (or a generous friend's) hi-tech camera and ask for donations to shoot fun family portraits or epic sports action shots!

### **Special Occasions:**

21. On your next birthday, graduation or gift-receiving holiday ask for donations instead of gifts. For example, ask friends and family for \$17 towards your giving-goal on your 17<sup>th</sup> birthday!
22. Big game coming up? Host a game watching party and ask people to donate to attend.
23. Have a movie night! Set up a screen in your back yard, presto, a night at the movies!
24. Board game master? Have a board game night at your house!
25. Show off your spelling skills. Host a spelling bee at your house with a registration fee and a cool prize for the winners!
26. Throw a fancy banquet! Have people cook food and have people donate to come with their fanciest look.
27. Throw a dance party with a specific theme – get your dance on for a great cause!
28. Host a video game night and charge admission.
29. Go international! Have friends and family cook different international foods and bring them all together to have a fun international night! \$10, \$20, maybe \$50 per plate!

### **Sell Your Stuff:**

30. Organize a yard sale – all proceeds go to support kids' health around the world!
31. Put up a lemonade stand on your street. Give all of the proceeds so that the person you're supporting can turn lemons into lemonade!
32. Hotdogs here! Get your hotdogs! Cook or have food and goodies donated to sell at high school events. Get everyone involved in the excitement of changing lives!

### **Stunts (Get Crazy-Silly!):**

33. Shave your head in a crazy way. Put up different options and have people donate to the one they want to see on you most. The most donations to that option wins. Get crazy with it!
34. Choose your torture. Have donors pay \$5 a vote to decide which form of "torture" (dye hair, dress funny, dress in rival garb...etc.) to inflict on an influential person (like a teacher, leader, best friend - who agrees to it of course)!
35. Rent-a-Worker: Hire-out some willing volunteers who commit to do whatever any "odd" jobs their sponsor "hires" them for. All proceeds go to your awesome, world-changing cause!
36. Think you can take the heat? Have a hot-wing eating contest. Have people get sponsorships or donate to compete.
37. (36.5) Get creative! Find ways to serve, dance, eat, party or play to raise money to help change a kid's world for good!