OACAO ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITORS SHOWCASE

Welcome to YOUR BEST FUND RAISING IDEAS SESSION

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I will share some of my experiences in fundraising with you.

I will share some fundraising ideas I have received from other senior centres.

I would like to have you share some of your fundraising ideas. Like our centre, fundraising must be an important part of your centre's budget.

Centre Pauline-Charron had operating revenues for 2010-2011 of about

500 000 \$

Revenue breakdown is as follows :

a) Grants (prov./municipal)	25	%
b) Membership fees	5	%
c) User fees	25	%
 d) Hall rentals + bar and cloakroom 	10	%
e) Trips	4	%
f) Fundraising & Donations	29	%
g) Other	2	%

Reasons for Fundraising

General

These are fundraising to cover general operating expenses and keep fees reasonable

Specific

This is when we fundraise for a specific item or cause (i.e to buy a TV for the centre or to pay for snow removal)

Types of Fundraising

Lotteries

Licenced raffles 50/50 draws and such during activities Pot of gold draws

Activities such as

Walkathons Trips and outings Wine and cheese Concerts Theatre







Mail Campaigns directed to...

...Centre members ...Service Groups ...Suppliers

Sale of advertising

Fundraising activities done at Centre Pauline-Charron (no. 1)

- Theatre and mealNight at the races + 50/50
- Beer, appetizers & auction
- Bowling tournaments
- Buy me a place setting
- Dinner-variety nite

- Concerts
- Draws for painting
- Fashions shows
- Whist Tournaments
- Wine and appetizers
- Garage sales

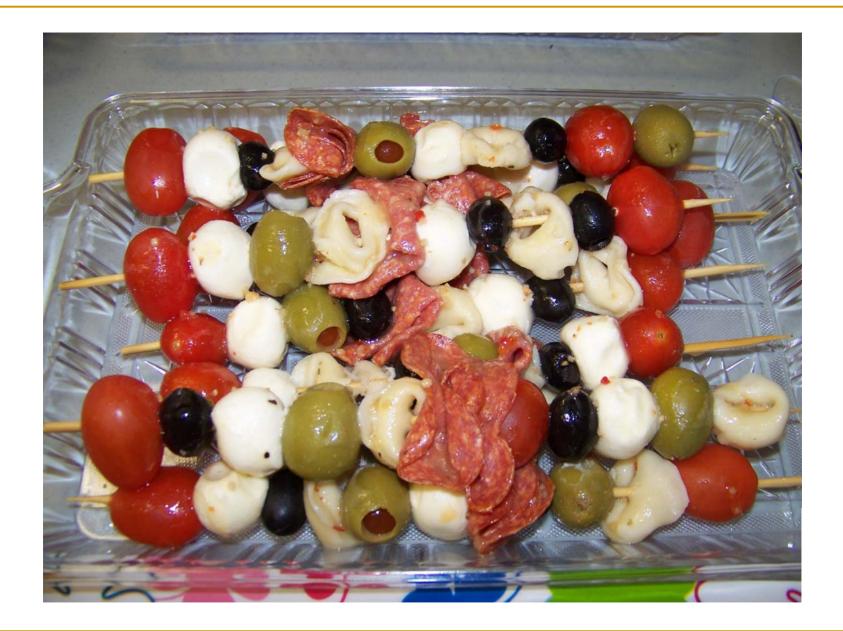
Fundraising activities done at Centre Pauline-Charron (no. 2)

- Trips (2 days to 3 wks)
 Arts and craft show
 Golf Tournament
- Day outings
- Catering eventsSale of tin cans
- Sale commission (maple prod.-paintings-etc.)
 Community leader Roasts Hall Rentals
 Sale of advertising **one time** or **as a package**Sale of meat pies, pies and such at Xmas











































Beer, Appetizers **8** Auction



































Information Insert in Local / Community Newspaper

Partnering for Fundraising



GOOD? or BAD?

Advantages

- More resources to do the work
 Normally a bigger pool of potential participants/sponsors
- More visibility
- Looks good to funders and the community

Disadvantages

- Longer to take a decision
- Uneven partnerships
- Uneven share of responsabilities
- Sharing of the wealth

What are your experience in partnering for fundraising?

DOS & DON'TS (1)

Don't limit your fundraising activities to your members.

Do target/invite the general public or interested businesses.

Don't make fundraising a chore for your volunteers.

Do keep the FUN in FUNdraising

DOS & DON'TS (2)

Do praise your volunteers publicly during the activity. Not only will they appreciate it but the participants will also appreciate your respect for their work.

Do recognize your business partners as much as you can during an activity.

DOS & DON'TS (3)

Don't be afraid to approach potential donors/advertisers. Always remember your not asking for yourself but for a cause you believe in.

Don't think that all donors give for the cause.

Do remember that many donors give because of the person that is asking.

DOS & DON'TS (4)

Do try and get material donated or paid for when organizing a fundraising activity.

Do identify the potential business partners in your community. Get to know them.

Do get involved with your business community and other community groups.

DOS & DON'TS (5)

Don't expect others to participate in your fundraising activities if you never participate in theirs.

Do make some of your nice activities accessible to all by keeping the price reasonable.



Center



- Allandale 55 + Colours Tour
- Ancaster Senior
 Fundraising Wall
 Achievement Center

- Clarington Older Adults Association
- Calendar





Gloucester Senior Straw Draw Adults' Centre

- Gloucester Senior Adults' Centre
- Christmas Letter

- Gloucester Senior
 Adults' Centre
- Dinner and No Garage Sale & Silent Auction

Center

Square One OAC



- **Beyond Ballroom**
- Square One OAC
- Square One OAC
- Gold Party
- Touring China

- Square One Seniors Wellness Services
- Walk-a-thon

Square One Seniors Wellness Services Tree of Sharing



