



Suggestions for Ticket Sales and Donations for Fundraising Events

Who can I invite to the various events? - Everyone!

1. Invite Family and Friends.
2. Invite your employer. Better yet - ask your employer if they will be a sponsor which includes free tickets.
3. Invite your neighbors and the people you work with.
4. For Family Fun Night, you can invite your child's sports team or plan a Birthday Party!
5. The Gordon Hoffman Golf Tournament is a great opportunity to invite some clients to a private golf course for a fun day of golf.
6. For Fall Funtasia, invite friends and family who like to get dressed up and have a fun night out.

Donations

We require donations of merchandise or services to use in our fundraising events. The intention is not to have people pay for items and then donate them. There are lots of ways to have items/services donated that won't cost you any money.

What can I donate or ask someone else to donate?

1. **Gift Cards and Gift Certificates** of any type or Denomination.
2. **Tickets to Sporting Events:** If you have Season's Tickets and you won't be able to go to every game, please donate the ones you can't use. You can also support various groups by purchasing tickets and donating them. Some ideas include: Flames, Stampeders, Roughnecks, Hitmen, Vipers, U of C Dinos, MRU Cougars, SAIT Trojans, Rodeo, Monster Jam, etc.
3. **Tickets to Arts and Entertainment Events:** Once again, if you have Season's Tickets you can't use, please donate them. You can also support local groups by purchasing tickets and donating them. Some ideas include: CPO, Theatre Calgary, Vertigo Theatre, Stage West, Jubilations, Grandstand Show, Rosebud Theatre, Alberta Ballet, other local theatre groups, and upcoming concerts and events.
4. **Tickets and Passes for Family Entertainment:** Ideas include: TELUS Spark, Heritage Park, Calgary Zoo, Calaway Park, Fort Calgary, Leisure/Recreation Centres, Glenbow Museum, Tyrrell Museum, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, Movie passes, etc.
5. **Trips and Accommodations:** Do you have access to a summer or winter retreat that you might be able to donate a stay at? A two-week, one-week, or even weekend getaway to any destination is always a hotly contested bidding item. Some destinations could include: Banff, Canmore, Windermere Valley, Vancouver, Kelowna, Victoria, Palm Springs, Arizona, Florida, Montana, etc.
6. **Electronic Equipment** such as popular & current TVs, iPads, iPods, Computers, Gaming systems, etc. are always a hit.
7. **Tools, Home Decor Items, Toys, and Games** etc. are also welcome.

8. **Sports Related Items:** Are you a member of a golf course and could arrange to have a round of golf donated? Maybe you could arrange to have some sporting equipment or sports memorabilia donated.
9. **Do you have a particular talent or ability that you might be able to donate?** For example: Are you in a musical or stage group that performs at functions? Are you a professional Cake Decorator? Are you a licensed Mechanic? Do you do Woodworking or Blow Glass? Are you a Sculptor or Artist? Do you make quilts or crochet afghans? Are you an organizational guru?
10. **Do you run a home business or sell items at home parties?** Donating items or services is a great way to increase your clientele.
11. **Is there something on your Bucket List** that you have always wanted to try? For example: skydiving, driving a bobcat, bobsledding, being behind the curtains during a stage production, riding in a Dragon Boat, etc. Find someone who provides the service and talk them into donating it so that you can bid on it!
12. **Use your imagination!!** There are all sorts of things that can be donated that require very little monetary output that will greatly benefit the students at Foothills.
13. **Donate Money** - If you can't think of anything else, make a cash donation and receive a charitable tax receipt. It all supports the greater cause. Make your money go further if your employer has a matching gift program.

Where can I find donations?

1. **Check with your employer:** Do they provide merchandise or services that they would be willing to donate? Alternatively, would they be willing to be a Sponsor for one of our events?
2. **Check with family members and friends:** Are they self-employed or do they work for a company that might be willing to donate?
3. **Take forms (can be found online) with you when you go to scheduled appointments and to businesses that you visit on a regular basis.** For example: hair dresser, chiropractor, dentist, massage therapist, eye doctor, local garage, grocery store, gym, local pub, favorite restaurant, etc. They may be willing to donate goods or services.
4. **Ask, when you renew your Season Tickets or purchase tickets,** if the group would be willing to make a donation. Places to check include: The Flames, The Stampeders, The Roughnecks, The Hitmen, Theatre Calgary, CPO, Vertigo Theatre, Rosebud Theatre, Stage West, Jubilations Dinner Theatre, etc.
5. **Check with Hotels, Motels,** etc. in and around Calgary and/or wherever you like to vacation. They are quite often willing to donate one or more nights accommodation and sometimes even a package that includes breakfast or other meals.

If you have any questions or want to discuss an idea that you have, contact Jan Haggeman in the Business Office at 403-270-9400 ext. 215 or email jhaggeman@foothillsacademy.org

Thank you for making our events a success!

Your Fundraising Committee