

# Fundraising Ideas

The Telco Together Foundation is an industry-wide charitable initiative unifying the telco industry in support of disadvantaged communities.

With over 70,000 staff making up the telco industry in Australia, it is easy to see how a little fundraising from a lot of people can make a significant contribution to communities in need. If you want to help by fundraising in your workplace, here are some ideas;

## **BBQ Fundraiser**

Hold a sausage sizzle at lunchtime, with proceeds going to charity through the Foundation. This is especially effective for busy offices, at \$3 a sausage you've provided a cheap lunch and some social interaction for colleagues.

## **Casual Clothes / Fancy Dress Day**

Arrange a casual clothes or themed dress day at the office. For a gold coin donation, everyone can come as their favourite celebrity or book character.

## **Bake Sale**

Who doesn't love home-baked brownies, cookies and cakes at work! Host a morning bake sale at work with colleagues / friends to bake their favourite cookies and cakes, with all proceeds going to Telco Together.

## **Trivia or Bingo Night**

Ignite the competitive spirit in friends and colleagues with a quiz or bingo night. These events are easy to organise, with proceeds from ticket sales donated to charity through Telco Together.

## **Fundraiser Chocolates & Lollies**

Sell fundraiser packs of lollies and chocolates at work. These can be sourced from various online suppliers.

## **Auction Your Boss**

Have a laugh at work while giving generously as the highest bidder has the boss running coffee errands for a day, filling or keeping the kitchen clean.

## **Gold Coin Donation**

Get creative and think about opportunities to incorporate gold coin donations into existing work events.



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## Mental Health

One in five Australians will suffer from a mental illness during their lifetime.

Suicide remains the leading cause of death among young people aged 14 -25.

Telco Together is helping young people with mental health issues by supporting the Inspire Foundation.

- \$12.00 a month will create technology for high-risk young people to get help
- \$25.00 ensures 5 young people get help with mental health issues
- \$25.00 could ensure every high school teacher has resources to help support thousands of young people each day



## Social Inclusion

The settlement process of migrants and refugees is crucial to help new Australians learn English, deal with separation from family and community, understand cultural differences, gain employment and be able to contribute to society.

We're reaching out to newly arrived Australians by supporting Sports Without Borders, an innovative program using sport as a way of bringing communities together.

- \$25 will buy a family or aspiring young sport star a football to practise and play with
- \$50 will cover a child's uniform fees to compete in their local competition
- \$100 will cover registration fees for a child to join a local sporting club



## Indigenous Communities

Health issues are one of the biggest problems facing Australian Indigenous communities, with poor health affecting education, employment and quality of life.

Healthy Living Programs conducted by Red Dust Role Models, use sport & music to engage Indigenous youth, and are key to improving health outcomes for these communities.

- \$50 provides a sport workshop for one student
- \$100 provides a music workshop for one student
- \$500 sends a volunteer role model to a community
- \$10,000 provides a full sport, art, music and dance workshop



## Homelessness

Every day one in 200 Australians are homeless, and don't know where their next meal is coming from.

Meanwhile, Australians waste \$5.2 billion of food per year.

Telco Together is helping to redistribute the food to those in need by supporting Secondbite.

- \$10 provides 25 nutritious meals
- \$100 feeds a family for a week
- \$300 provides dinner every night for a mother & child for a year
- \$500 1,000 nutritious meals