Below are some fundraising ideas and tips that have been successful for local organizations in the past.

- **Make it a Fund and Food Drive.** You can convert all of your donations to meals. For every $1 donate, we can provide 5 meals. For every 1.2 pounds of food donated we can provide 1 meal. So set an overall goal to get enough donations for XXXXX MEALS. Therefore all of your donations can count towards your overall goal of providing MEALS for those in need.

- Having the support of management is key to a successful drive. Engage members of your organizations leadership to offer incentives such as a day off, dress-down day, lunch with the boss, a great parking space or a pie-in-the-face of a supervisor. Give employees a payroll deduction option.

- Some of your best fundraising may come from competition among groups, departments or business competitors. It helps to determine a goal and schedule events to raise the funds. Use visuals like a thermometer poster or email updates to indicate who is in the lead. Offer some kind of prize or trophy to the winners.

- If your organization has a matching gift program, encourage your co-workers to complete the necessary paperwork to add value to their donation.

- Host a **Kick-Off** event to share information and build momentum for the upcoming drive.

- Create **March Madness brackets**, with a portion or all of the proceeds going to Harvest for Hunger.

- Host a **casual day** or **dress-down day**. For a donation to the Harvest for Hunger campaign, employees or members can dress in business casual or jeans attire on a designated day.

- Host a **tournament**. Have staff bring in their cornhole sets, putt-putt golf sets or Wii for a day. Set up a tournament in a break room or meeting room. Charge a flat fee for teams to play.

- **Dollar Toss.** It’s just how it sounds! Whether the bill is balled up, folded into a paper airplane or simply tossed, see who can throw a dollar bill the farthest and donate all the bills. Run a Coin War. Two jars with competing teams. Pennies get points taken away (you can put pennies in the other team’s jar) and dollars count double.

- **Food**. **Bake sale**, **smoothie sale**, **donut sale**, **chili cook-off**...it’s a natural.

- **Food Stamp Challenge.** Collect pledges for Harvest for Hunger to live on $31 for one week, the typical allocation of food stamps. Be sure to share the experience with co-workers, family and friends.

- **Food Fight.** Peanut butter and jelly, pasta and sauce, rice and beans. Some foods were just meant to go together, but how about peanut butter versus jelly? Divide up into teams with bragging rights going to the team that raises the most for meals.

- **Sponsor a Fun Walk.** Have participants get pledges. Determine the area for the walk and the time parameters. Donate the money collected to Harvest For Hunger.

- **Sponsor a Spelling Bee.** Get management to donate nice prizes for the winners. Participants must pay a “fee” for each word spelled correctly, which is donated to Harvest for Hunger.