Month by Month Fundraising Ideas

January – Bring the fun indoors during the chilly month of January by hosting a Trivia Night! Find a local school auditorium, meeting hall, bar or restaurant that will allow you use of their space. Secure food, drink and ticket pricing and start advertising your event around town. Ask local businesses to promote themselves by donating prizes to your fundraiser. Designate a volunteer to emcee the event – you'll be all set to engage everyone's competitive side! You could also hold a 50/50 raffle at halftime to raise more funds!

February – During the week of Valentine's Day host a dinner for your closest friends. CurePSP can provide you with a donation request letter for you to bring to local businesses to inquire about food and drink donations. Decorate each table setting for the theme but also include CurePSP information packets. Ask each guest to make a donation for their attendance.

March – Bring out your counting cap for March's fundraiser. Find a reusable clear container or jar. Choose a small item such as marbles, pennies, or perhaps green colored candies for St. Patrick's day. Fill the jar with the chosen item for a guessing game and 50/50 split of the amount raised with the donation amount of your choice. (*Ex: $1.00, $2.00, $*5.00) You will also need index cards/slips of paper for each person's name, phone number and guess, pens and another container for completed slips to be placed in. Find a place such as a gym, library or restaurant where you can place the container and where someone will be able to collect the donations and entry slips. Upon the date you planned to empty and count the amount, announce the winner and give them a portion of the money raised.

April – Plan an Egg Hunt for your family, friends and/or neighborhood. Base the amount of eggs you fill on your expected amount of participants. Fill about 6-10 eggs per child and hide them within a backyard or park. Separate the egg seekers by age group in order to ensure fairness.

Setting up additional activities such as egg coloring, face painting or basket decorating is fun as well. Recruit volunteers for additional assistance. Designate a table where parents can make a donation towards your event as well as find information about CurePSP and its mission.

May – Contact a local florist and inquire about a discount or possible donation of carnations for a Mother's Day fundraiser. Ask a business, church, school or library if you can set up a table the weekend of Mother's Day for your carnation sales. Create one or two signs and have CurePSP brochures at your table while you sell flowers for a moderate donation.

June – Have friends and family join you in de-cluttering for a cause. Put on a Garage Sale for CurePSP! Secure a location and advertise in the local paper. Don't forget to also set a rain date in case of inclement weather. Make signs informing buyers that all proceeds go towards the mission of CurePSP's, which should ensure haggling is kept to a minimum. Selling simple snacks such as hot dogs, water, soda, etc. is a great way to increase donations from the day as well!

Fundraising Ideas Continued…

July – Entice all of your friends and family over for a summer barbecue – a wonderful way to socialize, relax and enjoy good food for a great cause. Ask attendees to bring one dish and a donation. CurePSP can provide you with a donation request letter for you to bring to local stores for potential item donations. If you would like to add a twist to your barbeque, incorporate a grill off into the afternoon! Ask contestants for an additional donation amount and select a panel of judges. Have a prize ready such as a gift basket of BBQ items or a decorated spatula. Good luck grillers!

August – During the blistering month of August, recruit your friends and family to cool off with a Car Wash fundraiser! Find a place willing to offer you their space – they must have a water source available for a hose. Schools, gas stations, fire departments, restaurants would all be good locations. Bring signs, buckets, sponges, towels, soap and a garden hose. Advertise your event, along with a secured rain-date, just in case! Make flyers and contact your local newspaper as well. Be sure to show up with some sunscreen and small bills for change and enjoy the day.

September – During the fall months, there are always various community events occurring, such as 5k's, walks, bike-a-thons, etc. CurePSP can assist you in finding one to register for or help you set up your very own event. In addition, CurePSP has special fundraising software to set up your own fundraising webpage for this event. This personal page will include your personal story, pictures, email, reminders and thank you templates, a goal thermometer, simple registrations, easy access for donors to contribute to you online, and much more.

October – Starting a writing campaign is a simple way to generate donations through one simple step – sending a letter. CurePSP will provide you with return envelopes for donations and templates for your letters, or we can set up a special donation page with a link you can send to family and friends. You can also entice potential donors by selling CurePSP wristbands. There are various ways you can reach out to your address book and we have just the tools for it!

AND/OR – for the children, organize a pumpkin decorating contest for Halloween. Charge a small entry fee, get a local farm to donate the pumpkins and ask each parent to bring a few decorating supplies. (*No carving involved – just markers, construction paper, yarn, glue, etc.*) Provide punch and cookies as refreshments and give a prize for the first, second and third place best pumpkins.

November – As the air becomes brisk once again, generate contributions by having a Movie Night Fundraiser. Many movie theaters will be able to offer you their space for a discounted rate or for free for a special group movie marathon. Choose a movie theme with the theater and advertise it around town and in the local newspapers. Ask friends to volunteer to sell tickets and to help clean the theater after the showings. Whether it's a family oriented matinee or a grown-up's date night, this event is sure to be a success.

December – Like the month of October, this is a great time to plan a writing campaign. You can include a giving envelope in your holiday cards, which CurePSP can supply you with. You can send out a special announcement through a letter or a personalized online donation page and ask for gifts in honor or in memory of your loved one. This month is one of the most crucial months for CurePSP to raise funds. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.