

TEN WAYS For Board Members to Raise \$500

1. Contribute \$500 of your own money. This is the easiest way for those who are able, and the organization you serve will greatly appreciate your taking a leadership role in giving.
2. Give part of the \$500. Then, ask your friends to join you in giving \$25, \$50 or whatever the amount of your gift. You may be surprised at how willing your friends are to match your contribution to an organization you believe in.
3. Ask five people to save all their change for six months, while you save yours. Use another method to raise the remainder of the \$500, if necessary.
4. Invite people to your birthday party and ask that they give money to the nonprofit you serve in lieu of gifts.
5. Sell your frequent flyer miles to friends or donate them to the nonprofit for a raffle. Be sure to follow the airline's regulations.
6. Ask four people to donate \$10 a month for a year or nine people to donate \$5 a month for a year. Send them reminders.
7. If you are a member of a faith community, ask if a collection can be taken up for the organization you support. You could give a brief talk about your group and provide literature.
8. Have a multi-family sidewalk or garage sale. Tell your neighbors that you will sell household items they no longer want, if they will donate half or all of the proceeds to your group.
9. Donate a week at your vacation home, a lesson in some skill you possess, or the preparation of a meal to be raffled or sold in an auction for your group.
10. Plan a dinner party in honor of the nonprofit you represent and request that your friends make a donation of \$25.00.