



**American
Foundation
for Suicide
Prevention**

Greater Boston

Out of the Darkness – Boston Walk

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Summer Fundraisers

BBQ

Nothing says summer like a BBQ! Rent or have equipment donated and host a BBQ dinner in your backyard or get your company involved and host it their parking lot. Sell tickets for meals, and spice up the event by having participants pay a fee to compete for the best local BBQ sauce in town. An alternative would be to invite local "pitmasters" to compete for best BBQ in town! Just make sure your guests arrive hungry.

Pool/Beach/Lake/River Party

Have access to a body of water and the ability to host events there? Invite everyone you know for a day of fun in the sun and sell snacks and drinks, offer carnival activities like face painting for the kids, play games like corn hole, marco polo, and frisbee. Just don't forget to make sure you have a licensed lifeguard on duty.

Sand Volleyball Competition

Head to the closest sand volleyball court in town or at the beach and set up a tournament. Teams pay an entry fee to compete and the winner takes home a prize donated by a local business.

Farmers Market

Summer is the season for farmers markets! Contact your local organizer to ask about setting up an info table and hand out information about your walk, share your story, and collect donations. You can even make business cards or flyers with your walk page URL on them if anyone wants to donate online later.

Bocce or Cornhole Tournament

Similar to the sand volleyball competition, head to your local park and set up a bocce or cornhole tournament. Individuals pay an entry fee and compete in an elimination-style tournament to win prizes donated from local businesses.

Car Wash

Car washes are classic summer fundraisers that never go out of business! Get permission from a local school or business to use their parking lot and water, make some posters, and then pick a weekend morning to wash cars for donations. Advertise your event in advance via social media and with flyers in local businesses.

Movie Screening

This summer fundraising idea puts a fun spin on movie nights. Host a screening in a public park, or work with local businesses to secure a large enough area to host a drive-in. Sell tickets, popcorn, and candy to attendees and ask for a suggested donation at the gate. Possible summer blockbusters include: National Lampoon's Vacation, Guardians of the Galaxy, and Marvel's The Avengers.

Yard Sale

Host a neighborhood yard sale, where proceeds or a percentage of the sales go directly to your cause. Ask your neighbors if they'll donate their old items to help support the cause.

Ice Cream Social

Who doesn't love a scoop or two of cold, refreshing ice cream in the summer?! Gather friends and host an ice cream social at your home, community club house, or a local business. Provide a variety of flavors and toppings, and don't forget your scooper!

Picnic

Host a picnic at your favorite park. Sell tickets in advance and tell everyone to bring a blanket! Bonus if you can get a local restaurant or deli to cater it for free or a steep discount.

Water Balloon Fight

Kids will join in for the fun of it and adults will join in for the nostalgia-fun of it. Establish a designated fight-zone, register competitors, and sell water balloons. You could even make it a tournament with teams competing for a donated prize.

Fourth of July Party

Everyone loves a good themed-party, and what better reason to throw one than to celebrate our nation's independence? For this summer fundraising idea, host a house party and ask your supporters to bring a friend. Charge an entry fee and accept donations at the door for anyone who joins in.

Summer Solstice Yoga

Partner with a local yoga studio to see if they will teach a donation based class on the summer solstice (June 21), with proceeds benefiting AFSP.

Don't forget to include information about your walk and AFSP at all of your fundraising events. These are great opportunities to help you reach your fundraising goal while raising awareness for the cause and resources that are available to those who have been affected by suicide.