

Chocolate Fundraising Ideas

1. **“Sweetest of the Sweet” Award Chocolate Ball** to honor a person who is always the best volunteer and the “sweetest person in town”. The event would have all chocolate-inspired menus such as chocolate vinaigrette pear salad over spring greens, chicken in a chocolate mole sauce, and a rich over the top dessert. Cocktail could be a chocolate martini. Formal dress theme could be white chocolate, milk chocolate and dark chocolate gowns.
2. **Chocolate Fondue Tasting** with several chocolate fondue stations throughout a large room with silent auction items interspersed for bidding with auction item winners announced every fifteen minutes over a course of two hours.
3. **Chocolate Trivia Contest.** Fee at door allows contestants to compete against each other's as teams with winners each half-hour announced receiving chocolate gift baskets. Hot chocolate is also served with chocolate chip cookies.
4. **Chocolate Chip Olympics-** prizes for the biggest cookie, smallest cookie, no sugar no chocolate cookie, “Toss Your Cookies” contest to see who can throw a cookie the most distance and other related Olympic –style events.
5. **Chocolate Friendly Night** with a tasting/ contest of homemade chocolate desserts from members of the congregation. Tasters vote for the favorite dessert. Prizes awarded for each category.
6. **Death by Chocolate** a murder mystery night with a local drama group recruited to direct the event.
7. **Chocolate Festival** where volunteer local chocolate vendors, caterers, and chefs donate their time and materials to showcase their best chocolate desserts. Stalls would be set up around the church hall where coffee, hot chocolate, and soft drinks would be sold and silent auction items would be available. Silent auction items all donated by local businesses. Chocolate items, candies, and related valentine day items would be sold at various stalls.
8. **Coffee & Chocolate-** enlist the support of the local coffee shop and a chocolate/candy shop to contribute coffee and chocolate or at least sell it at costs. Gift baskets are auctioned either by silent auction or by live auction. Attendees sample various coffees and chocolate desserts and candies. Local businesses are offered sponsorships at various levels of donations such as Title, Venti, Grande, Tall. Attendees can also sample various appetizers donated by local restaurants, Sam's Club, Costco, Wal Mart.
9. **Wine & Chocolate Tasting** held at a local winery where local wines are paired with chocolates. A casual dress evening with heavy hors d'oeuvres, chocolate fountains, and fondue.
10. **Chocolate Cookoff** –people enter a cooking contest that features food that contains chocolate in various categories: appetizers, main entrée, desserts (broken down to cakes, tarts, pies, candies, cookies, etc.). Attendees will vote for their favorite dishes. Prizes awarded are donated by local businesses.
11. **Are You Smarter Than A Chocolate Bunny”-** a contest between adults and children with questions similar to “Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader” TV show.
12. **Chocolate Candy Making Classes** offered by local candy maker. Class fee would be split with instructor unless instructor donates their time and expertise. Materials would be purchased by church.