



FUNDRAISING HANDBOOK

LET'S MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE,
ONE FUNDRAISER AT A TIME!

WE APPRECIATE
YOUR HELP.





Thank you for your interest in supporting SPIRIT NYS!

SPIRIT NYS is a 501(c)(3) approved charity – helping homeless high school teens in Rochester, NY, who are on their own.

Our teens are trying to survive without the benefit of a continuous supportive relationship with a parent or legal guardian. Their living conditions may vary from living on the streets, in vehicles, couch surfing, or in shelters.

When teens graduate high school, they experience more opportunities for a successful future that will break the poverty cycle.

Our efforts fall into four categories:

- Mentorship
- Establishing a trusted adult relationship
- Twice-Monthly Stipends
- Basic Needs Items



All funds raised will help students change their lives! As a volunteer-run organization, there is no overhead, so virtually all donations go directly to student support.



Fundraising Event Possibilities

- Athletic tournament (bowling, golf, pickleball)
- Arts & Crafts sale
- Bake sale
- Beer tasting
- Book fair
- Bingo
- Car wash
- Costume party
- Concession stand
- Dine to donate at a restaurant
- Game tournament (cornhole, euchre, poker)
- Food cook-off (chili, ribs, apple pie)
- Football squares
- Garage sale
- Haunted house
- Lemonade stand
- Penny War
- Silent Auction
- Talent show
- Trivia night
- Wine & cheese pairing

If you want someone from SPiRiT NYS to attend your event, email us ASAP to see if it works with our schedule!

Be creative. The options are endless!



Let's get started!

- Decide on an event
 - Pick a date, time, and location
 - Set a fundraising goal
 - Recruit family and friends to help
 - Plan all of the details
 - Advertise your event
- Afterwards...
- Thank everyone who made it a smashing success!

Please make a list of emails from attendees who want to receive e-news updates from us!

FAQ

Can I use your logo to promote my fundraiser?

Yes, but please word your fundraiser as "Jane Doe's event to benefit SPIRIT NYS." Third-party events are not hosted, sponsored, or insured by SPIRIT NYS.

We greatly appreciate your support. You are making a difference!

Email us if you have more questions.

Thank you!

Where do I send donations?

Mail:
SPIRIT NYS
PO Box 14817
Rochester, NY 14614

Online payment:
www.spiritnys.org

How are funds spent?

We are a volunteer-run nonprofit with low overhead costs. Most funds go directly to stipends, mentorship, and basic needs items to support students.