

15 Festive Workplace Fundraisers

By fundraising this Christmas with work colleagues you will help to give the amazing **Gift of Support** and ensure our support services remain available to everyone that needs them, long after we've all packed the Christmas decorations away.

- 1. Festive Fiver Lotto** - Simply ask everyone to write their name on £5, pop it in a hat (preferably a Santa one) and pick a winner. Then split the pot between your lucky winner and Sands.
- 2. Mince pie and mulled wine party** - Invite friends round, ask them to make a donation and provide them with free homemade mince pies and mulled wine.
- 3. Festive Raffle** - Hold a Raffle and the winner wins a day of annual leave for Christmas Shopping or a Duvet Day!
- 4. Sands Golden Cracker** - Buy some crackers and insert a golden ticket into one (you can slip it in the end). Charge £3-5 a cracker and the lucky winner of the ticket wins a prize.

For a parent whose baby has died, Christmas can be the loneliest and toughest of times. £580 could pay for the Sands Helpline to be open on Christmas Day - offering a lifeline and support to bereaved parents and family members.

- 5. Christmas party** - Collect funds at your Christmas party or hold a Christmas raffle as part of the festive celebrations. If you're feeling creative and want to make your own crackers for your party guests, how about including a Sands pin-badge/key-ring as a gift?
- 6. Have a cardless Christmas** - Instead of sending Christmas cards this year, donate the money you would normally spend to Sands. We can send you an electronic A3 Christmas Card, and a cardboard collection box to collect the money in.
- 7. Organise a Christmas Quiz** - Christmas is a great time for a quiz - especially if you find a cosy pub to host it. All you need to do is find some festive questions online, choose a quiz master, rustle up some prizes and away you go. Now, who can name all of Santa's reindeer?



8. Tinseltastic! – Hold a competition for the best decorated desk, work station or office site
– Charge £2 to enter!

9. Secret Santa for Sands – Instead of buying a Secret Santa gift this year why not ask colleagues to donate £5 to Sands.

10. Festive Fancy Dress Down Day – Hold a Christmas Festive themed dress down day on the 15 December – charge £3 for each person who turns up in a festive outfit. Charge more for anyone that doesn't join in! Have a prize for the best dressed or most effort!

11. Advent calendar countdown – Who doesn't love counting down the days to Christmas? This year, share in the fun with everyone at work by taking it in turns to open the door on an advent calendar – for a small donation, of course!

Every 90 minutes another family is left shattered by the death of their baby; roughly the same time it'll take you to get through your work's Christmas meal. Just £80 could train a midwife and equip them with the knowledge, insight and skills to be able to provide high quality, sensitive care to parents whose baby has died.

12. Naughty but nice – Sweets may not be all that good for you, but they do taste good – what better time for treating yourself than Christmas? So how about getting colleagues to donate some sweets and organising a good old fashioned tuck shop with the profits going to Sands.

13. Rudolph the red nosed reindeer – You've probably played pin the tail on the donkey, but have you tried pinning the nose on Rudolph? Blindfold your colleagues, charge them £1 to enter and give a prize to whoever is 'on the nose' with their attempt.

14. Name the... Have obscure/close up pictures of Christmas themed items, or your colleagues baby photos, preferably with a Christmas theme and guess what/who they are!

15. Gift your salary – Donate your last hours salary of the year to Sands.

For more information about Sands' give a **Gift of Support** Christmas campaign go to www.sands.org.uk/festive-fundraising or contact our dedicated team of fundraising elves at fundraising@sands.org.uk or call **0203 897 6092**.

Whichever of the 15 Festive Workplace Fundraisers you choose, whether it's one or all 15, please know that we are extremely grateful for the Gift of Support you have made. Thank You.