



'Fun' – tastic Fundraising



Did you know [Americans spend \\$211.73 every day on average](#)? But it only costs **\$100 to make a difference in a Veterans life**. Raising money for a good cause can be fun! Here are a few ideas to get you started to make a lasting impact on the lives of our veterans.

Step One: Set up a **PVA Saving Jar** & place it somewhere prominent in your home as a reminder. Then check out the **Tips** below and jot down what you would have spent on a dinner out, a fancy coffee, or a treat. Then, add those savings to your PVA Savings Jar. At the end of the month donate the amount you saved to PVA.

Spend-Nothing Challenge

- 1. Showcase your culinary skills:** Instead of eating at restaurants or ordering takeout, cook at home using ingredients you have on hand - add the money you saved on making a meal to your **PVA Savings Jar**.
- 2. Be your own barista:** Rather than buying coffee or other beverages from cafes prepare their favorite drinks at home and bring them in a reusable cup or bottle.
- 3. Penny-pincher commute:** Find an alternative modes of transportation to work, such as walking, biking, or carpooling, to avoid spending money on gas, parking fees, or public transportation fares.
- 4. Think twice:** Avoid impulsive purchases and think twice before buying something – Ask yourself if it is truly essential. By postponing these purchases, you can save money for the fundraiser!
- 5. It's a family affair:** Encourage your kids to join in & ask them to give whatever they would have spent on a special treat or a toy.

Cozy Comfy Watch Party Evening

Trade-in your fancy attire for comfiest sweats because giving back does not need to be all about glitz and glamour. **Host a "comfy" Watch party** and keep it simple. Instead of extravagant catering, prepare delicious comfort food using a microwave, toaster oven, or waffle iron and **charge admission to the event**. Don't forget to add what you raised to your **PVA Saving Jar!**

Oven of Opportunities

Host a **classic bake sale** with a clever name for fundraising like **'Baking Hope'**, **'Cupcakes for Veterans'** or, **'Pastries with Purpose'**. Add a personal touch and **create special recipe cards or tags** for each item, sharing a bit about who baked it and **why they support PVA**.

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