

Who are Parkinson's Champions?

Parkinson's Champions participate in the Parkinson's Foundation community fundraising (DIY) to raise funds and awareness for Parkinson's disease. Champions take the lead hosting their own fundraisers and participating in local events (5Ks, bike races, etc.). Feel free to check out our [Champions Guide](#) for some event inspiration.

What kind of support does the Parkinson's Foundation provide?

As a Parkinson's Champion you'll have access to your own personal fundraising page where you can track your donations and share your personal story, photos & event information. Our local team will provide advice on fundraising. Due to liability concerns, along with the large number of events and the limited number of staff within the chapter, the Foundation will not provide any staffing or other support for DIY or third-party events for activities such as registration, collection of funds, distribution of materials, event planning, event promotion, advertising, etc.

How do I submit cash or checks?

Please do not send cash, instead please secure a money order or check made payable to the Parkinson's Foundation. To ensure gifts are applied to your fundraiser please write the DIY event name in the memo and mail to:

Parkinson's Foundation
ATTN: Donor Services
5757 Waterford District Drive, Ste 310
Miami, FL 33126

Can the Foundation assist with the cost of my event?

No, the Foundation does not pay any associated expenses with third-party events. Donations made directly to a third-party event can be used to cover the event's expenses, but they are not tax deductible and the Foundation will not issue acknowledgments of these donations. In your planning process, be sure to develop a budget and brainstorm potential costs related to your fundraiser.

Can guests/donors receive an acknowledgment of their donation?

Online donations made through your DIY page will receive an emailed tax acknowledgment. Donations made by check payable to the Parkinson's Foundation will receive a tax acknowledgment. Donations made by check payable to the third-party organizer will NOT receive a tax acknowledgment. A payment to the Foundation compiling all checks/cash received at an event would result in a single tax acknowledgment for the individual(s) writing the check. Online donations made through your DIY page will receive an emailed tax acknowledgment.

Can I use the Foundation's tax-exempt status when purchasing materials?

Organizers of DIY fundraisers cannot use the Foundation's tax exemption status in conjunction with the event. However, Foundation staff can provide an In-Kind Solicitation letter confirming the organizer's intent to fundraise for the Foundation upon request.

Can I host a raffle or auction at my fundraiser?

Yes, but please remember to follow your state laws regarding raffles, lotteries, and auctions for charitable purposes. The Foundation's 501(c)(3) status under Employer Identification Number 13-1866796 only covers programs and activities organized by the Foundation.

Can the Foundation assist in the promotion of my event?

Though we are unable to promote DIY events nationally, we are happy to help you create a promotional plan, create fliers, and draft social media copy to promote your event. We also encourage you to utilize our [marketing toolkit here](#).

Can I use the Foundation's insurance for my DIY event?

No, the Foundation's insurance covers events held and organized only by the Foundation. Since we do not have control over the event and it is being held by a third party, and to reduce our liability exposure, the Parkinson's Foundation will not add third-party vendors or fundraisers to our insurance policy. If insurance is required, organizers must purchase an insurance policy at their sole expense. To purchase one-day insurance, we suggest K&K Insurance, www.kandkinsurance.com (800-637-4757), or a similar insurance company.

Can I hold a third-party event if I'm under 18 years of age?

If you are under the age of 18, your parent or guardian must sign the third-party application and agreement form. Complete your Third-Party Fundraising Liability Release Agreement when registering as a minor [here](#).

Can I solicit corporate donations for my event?

Yes, corporate donations and in-kind donors can be a great way to involve your local community. Corporate donors can reduce costs, bring people to your event, and assist in community awareness. To ensure corporate gifts are applied to your fundraiser ask donors to give directly through your event page or via check with a completed Mail-In Donation Form.

Can I use the donate button on social media to collect donations for my DIY fundraiser?

If you sign up to fundraise directly through Facebook or Instagram, we cannot allocate those funds to your DIY fundraiser. You can however, share your fundraising page link on social media to ensure funds raised are allocated to your fundraiser.

I need additional help with my DIY fundraiser; how can I get more help?

We're here for you and looking forward to helping. Please email champions@parkinson.org for support or additional questions.

I have questions about Parkinson's disease.

Our team of information specialists at the Parkinson's Foundation Helpline can help: 1-800-4PD-INFO (1-800-473-4636). [Learn more here](#).