



# JDRF Kids for a Cure

## Kids Helping Kids Cure Type One Diabetes

JDRF GREATER MIDWEST REGION

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### About JDRF

The leading global organization funding type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. JDRF's goal is to progressively remove the impact of T1D from people's lives until we achieve a world without T1D.

### Creative Fundraising Ideas

- **Spare change collection**
- **JDRF paper sneaker sales**
- **JDRF Kids Walk**
- **Theme days:** Donate to wear PJ's, crazy hat or socks, casual day, wear blue for T1D, etc.
- **Dance or bake sale**
- **Sporting event** - between teachers & students or schools.
- **School concession stands**
- **Donations to:** Duct tape principal to the wall, pie in the face, extra recess time, etc.
- **Make JDRF the beneficiary of an existing school fundraiser or event.**
- **Employee matching:** Parents may work for companies that match donations.
- **Choose one or more, or create your own fun ideas!**



Thank you for your interest and/or registering to host JDRF's Kids for a Cure youth educational fundraiser to support the research desperately needed to turn type one into TYPE NONE.

JDRF Kids for a Cure is a way for youth, teens and young adults to help make a difference in the fight against T1D. We hope you find this to be an enjoyable team building activity, and that it promotes a feeling of empowerment for all, knowing that everyone is helping to find a cure for this life-threatening disease.

Schools, clubs, sports teams and all youth groups are encouraged to participate. We provide all educational and fundraising materials NO COST for a spare change collection, JDRF Kids Walk or paper sneaker sales. Choose one of our fundraisers, a combination or design your own creative idea.

Feel free to contact JDRF Kids for a Cure staff any time. We'd be glad to share ideas and send all supplies need to get you started. E: kidsforacure@jdrf.org, P: 517-614-7600, Website: jdrfkidsforacure.org (online registration and resources). Also, visit us on Facebook at facebook.com/JDRFkidsforacure.

### Benefits & Incentives

- \$50 (donations over \$500). Use any way you choose. Class that raises the most, gym supplies, etc.
- Custom 3' x 5' banner (donations over \$1,000)
- Educational and fundraising materials and support — NO COST.
- Support and honor students/staff who have T1D, which is often a misunderstood disease.
- Great way to empower students to make a difference.
- Educate students about diabetes and the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle.

### Online Resources

[jdrfkidsforacure.org](http://jdrfkidsforacure.org)

- About JDRF & T1D
- Fundraising ideas and guide
- Classroom activities
- Letter to send to parents
- Classroom Thermometer
- Great videos for students and staff
- Certificates of participation
- Research updates
- Educational materials

## More Fun Fundraising Ideas . . .

- Organize a kick-off assembly to launch your fundraiser. When possible, honor youths in your school or community who have T1D. Pending availability, a JDRF representative would be happy to help kick off this event.
- Create your own JDRF website for online donations—contact us for more information.
- Utilize the resources on our website [jdrfkidsforacure.org](http://jdrfkidsforacure.org).
- Challenge neighboring schools/groups to join you—see who can raise the most.
- Encourage donations/sponsorships from local businesses. Suggest they match your weekly totals, make a donation or help you by selling JDRF paper sneakers.
- Combine this community service project with an existing school or calendar related activity such as spirit week, parent teacher conferences, field day, National Diabetes Awareness Month (November) or National Reading Month (March).
- Offer an incentive if fundraising goals are met.
- Promote safety first. Remind everyone to collect only from people that they know.

## Most Frequently Asked Questions

- **How does JDRF use our donation?** Nearly 80% of all funds collected directly supports T1D research, education, advocacy and patient services—Making JDRF one of the most efficient charities of its type in America.
- **How do I return our school or youth groups donation to JDRF?** An envelope with a return address to your local chapter is provided with your supplies. Please contact us if you need the address for your local chapter.
- **What will our school/youth group receive?** In addition to educational and fundraising supplies, we will send your school/youth group \$50 (donation over \$500) to use any way you choose, and in addition, a 3' x 5' banner (donation over \$1,000) - however, all donations are greatly appreciated.
- **We have a student(s) with T1D and would like to receive information on JDRF service and support programs and events.** JDRF has many service and support programs available. Check the box to request this information when you register or contact us and we'd be happy to send a list of resources available.

## Facts About T1D

- T1D is an autoimmune disease in which a person's pancreas loses the ability to produce insulin—a hormone essential to turning food into energy. T1D strikes both children and adults suddenly. With T1D there are no days off, and there is no cure.
- T1D isn't contagious, and you can't get T1D from eating too much candy.
- Each day about 40 children and 40 adults in the United States are diagnosed with T1D.
- People with T1D must test their blood sugar and inject themselves with insulin several times a day.
- Living with T1D may be hard, but people with T1D can do whatever they set their minds to and lead amazing lives.