

What to do to make a difference.....

1. Talk to elected officials about State budget issues.
2. Have your network of friends contact elected officials.
3. Solicit friends to join NorthPointe's contact list on our website under links.
4. Help secure sponsors for existing NorthPointe Events.
5. Help increase database of potential supporters – forward contact names to NorthPointe.
6. Help get businesses to donate a portion of their sales on given days.
7. Hold an event benefiting NorthPointe with your friends; car wash, dog wash, luncheon, etc. Host a fundraising party and ask attendees to pledge their support. Host a party selling a product (jewelry, Tupperware and such) and the vendor donates a percentage of sales to NorthPointe.
8. Most e-mail programs give you the ability to create your own signature at the bottom of each message. This is a great way to let both personal and business contacts know what non-profit or cause your supporting, so add our web address.
9. Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match charitable contributions made by their employees. The impact of your gift may be doubled or possibly tripled! Some companies match gifts made by retirees and/or spouses.

Fundraising in your office.....

At your work: sell candy, chips, popcorn, soda, bagels or donuts at the office. You may be able to get the goods donated so everything goes to your fundraising.

Ask your human resources department if you can go "Casual for a Cause." If your office has business professional or business casual dress, coworkers may buy a chance to wear jeans for the day.

Ask everyone in your office to donate \$25 a month for four months. Let them know they are only giving up one dinner out in these four months to help people with disabilities.

In the lunchroom or break room, leave a stack of donation forms and a sign with a picture of yourself and a note about why you are supporting NorthPointe.

Help introduce NorthPointe to your contacts who are members in clubs like; Knights of Columbus and Rotary, Exchange, Woman's club, etc.

Who to ask?

Simple – everyone you know, and everyone you come in contact with throughout the day. For example:

- *everyone in your address book
- *favorite local restaurant owner
- *your doctor, dentist or lawyer
- *your hairdresser or barber
- *friends
- *family
- *co-workers
- *any favorite local shop that you frequent
- *your teammates or gym buddies
- *people at your place of worship

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