

8 fun ways you can help change lives through the power of writing

Volunteers and supporters ask us how they can help make a big difference in our participants' lives and introduce their friends and family to Write Around Portland.

Here are 8 fun and easy ideas. Contact Beth at bwhite@writearound.org or 503.796.9224 to get started.



1. Host a house party

Invite friends and family into your home and ask them to bring their checkbooks. We'll bring workshop participants to read and/or some writing prompts and help you ask for donations.



2. Any celebration will do

Ask friends to donate \$30 for your 30th birthday, ask your wedding guests to make gifts to honor your big day, or incorporate a short write (and ask) into your next gathering.



3. Spare change adds up

Ask people to empty their change jars for your next gathering or housewarming. (One person did this and raised \$108!)



4. Keep Portland weird

Do something really out of character—but only if people donate to Write Around! Grow a mustache, wear a silly hat, read the *Twilight* series or anything else you said you'd never do.



5. This song goes out to all the writers

Host a benefit show—or ask your musician friends to—at your house, coffee shop, local bar or other venue.



6. “_____ -a-thon”

Hold your very own anything-a-thon. We'll help you set up an easy fundraising website to engage your family and friends.



7. Book clubs or writing groups

Invite Write Around Portland readers to your next book club or writing group. With your help, we'll pass a basket after the reading.



8. Awards, degrees and book deals. Oh my!

Celebrate a writing accomplishment—an MFA, getting published, a book tour, NaNoWriMo—by encouraging gifts made in your honor.

