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 fund-raising 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.