

Simple raising Ideas for individuals and groups

Helpful Tips:

- The earlier you begin, the better off you'll be!
- Tell your story - The more you share your plans for the money, the more people will get excited and want to help.
- Tell people what you need – Ask for the right amount, include all costs.
- Remember to ask everyone, include people inside and outside of church, like doctors, dentist, the veterinarian, class instructors, etc.
- Remember to put something in the Church Bulletin. Let everyone know what you're doing. People are amazingly willing to help, sometimes donating more than you ask!
- Make your Own Contribution - lead the way!

Group Ideas *(you'll need the help of an adult)*

- **Theme Party/Dinner** – Host a theme party for 10 or more. Have each guest donate \$50, spend no more than \$20 per person on food and you'll have \$300 or more in pledges!
- **Dessert Fundraiser:** *One of the simplest fundraisers of all!* Sell tickets you create to a dessert buffet scheduled for after the event you're raising funds to attend. At the dessert buffet you can show slides, videos and tell everyone about your experience. This can be a short 30-minute presentation after church that gives people a better understanding of the event and lets them know you appreciate their support.
- **Host a game night** - Pull out some board/card games, make some popcorn, pick up some drinks and invite church members.
- **Collect Pledges hosting a Walk or Run** - Ask people to pledge an amount for each mile or minute/hour you complete. i.e. if you had 25 pledges of \$2 per mile you'd have earned \$200 being healthy! Ask friends to help you by walking with you and collecting additional pledges....
- **Bake Sale** - Host a bake sale; consider taking advance orders.
- **Parking Lots** – Both Christ Church, Springfield (Cider Days, Art Fest) and St. Paul's, Kansas City (St. Patrick's Day) offer a fruitful day helping sell parking lot space.
- **Restaurants can help!** Several restaurant chains (Panera's, Texas Roadhouse, local restaurants, etc.) help people raise funds. When people place a menu order on a prearranged day of the week and say they are there to support your fundraiser, the restaurant will pay a percentage of a total order amount. Imagine that times 30 friends and family!
- **Parent's Night Out** – Host a night out for parents and divide the proceeds!
- **Recycling.** Set up a can-recycling bin at church and make it a year around project. Place a sign on the bin letting people know that not only are they helping the environment, but a worthy cause too!

Vestry - With the support of your clergy, approach your vestry with your plans to go to an event. Tell them about the event and why it's important to you to go. Ask if the church can offer any financial assistance towards registration.

Congregation Support - You might also ask your vestry's permission to approach the entire congregation with an appeal for their support and/or a fundraiser.

Ideas for individuals *(be sure to ask for permission if needed)*

- **Virtual Fundraising.** Use social media, such as Facebook and Twitter, to reach out and ask for donations from your virtual community of friends. Ask others to repost your information. To boost your results, create a free fundraising web page with an online fundraising platform like [GoFundMe](#), which allows you to easily collect donations from Facebook friends and email contacts. Be sure to tell your story....it works!
- **"Extra Change in My Pocket" Box** - Create small boxes for your friends and family and have them place them on their dresser or desk. At the end of the day, they can drop their spare change in the box. It adds up throughout an entire year. Start your own extra change box, too! All you need is some cardstock to create your own box using online patterns.
- **Birthday or Christmas Gift** – Considering asking for a youth ministry gift. This might be a welcome idea for family to write you a check, knowing it's something you'd like!
- **Bracelets** – Make and sell your own friendship bracelets.
- **Child/Pet sit** - Offer your services; let parents have a nice, quiet night out of the house or pet sit for neighbors going away for the weekend!
- **Recycling.** Set up a can-recycling bin at church. Place a sign on the bin letting people know that not only are they helping the environment, but a worthy cause too! Make it a year around project - aluminum cans add up fast!