

FUNdraising IDEAS

A

Auction Art and craft raffle Avocado party



B

Bake sale Bike-a-thon Bowling for dollars



C



Coffee house Car wash Caroling for coins

D

Dog-walking service Double-decker day Discover-your-talent show



E

Egg roll-off Empty-your-closet sale Earth-friendly jamboree



F

Fruit festival Float-a-thon Fix-it Friday



G

Games night Grow a garden Golf (or mini-golf) tournament



H

Harvest carnival Healthy habit challenge



How many in a jar? contest

I

International dinner Ice extravaganza Ingenious invention exhibit Junk food



J

pledge Jam session Jewelry stand



K

Kit-making challenge Knowledge night Kickball kickoff Light-a-



L

candle service Limit your waste week



M

Movie night Meals-to-go service Milking contest



N

Noodle bar Neighborhood cleanup Night of peace Old-fashioned hymn sing Oatmeal oasis Open-air market



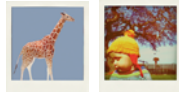
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P

Penny Power Public transport week Photo zoo



Q

Quiz show Quilting contest Quench-your-thirst stand



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Relief sale Read-a-thon Record-a-story kiosk

S

Scripture bee Seasonal snack stall Square dance or



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T

Tea time Tie comforters Thrift shop fashion show



U

Used book sale Ultimate frisbee tournament



Unbirthday party

V

Vigil for peace Vacuum for donations Vegetable beauty contest



W

Walk for water

Window or car wash



Wading pool party

X

Xylophone concert eXercise for cash eXpress delivery service



Yard sale



Yummiest yam contest Yellow flower stand



Z

Zigzag fiesta Zero soft drink challenge Zweiback bake-off



How to organize a fundraising event

1. Choose what you want to raise money for.

Your options include:

- Giving project from this booklet
- Theme (such as food or peace)
- General donation to where needed most
- Global Family education sponsorship

2. Organize a fundraising team.

The best fundraising events are the work of many hands. People are needed to lead the effort, to plan and prepare materials for the event, to handle publicity and to find matching donors. Volunteers are needed to set up, to work the event and to clean up afterward.

3. Decide what type of fundraising event to hold.

Choose an idea from the list (left), try your own variation or recreate an event that has worked well in the past. Think about what will work best for your group considering the time, energy and resources available.

4. Set a goal.

Determine how much money you want to raise. Create a chart or other visual to track your progress.

5. Plan what resources you will need to put on the event.

What can friends or family contribute? Check if local businesses will offer a discount on certain items you need. Determine how much it will all cost.

6. Establish a timeline.

Work backward from the date of the event to establish when each step needs to be done.

7. Publicize your event.

Build up excitement and get the word out ahead of time and often. Make announcements in church or in your bulletin. Post flyers around the church or around town, in mailboxes or on car windshields.

8. Double your money.

Ask local businesses if they want to be corporate sponsors. Sometimes businesses will match you dollar for dollar or for a percentage of funds that you raise.



Chart your progress as donations roll in

HOPE (where needed most) Create a “helping hands for hope” wall, adding handprints with Psalms of hope and messages of goodwill for families. ■ Climb the mountain of hope, posting a photo or drawing of a mountain and marking your progress to the top. **FOOD** Add rice or beans to a clear glass jar. ■ Fill a basket with in-season vegetables. Add pictures of food to blank paper plates. ■ Hang cooking utensils, such as wooden spoons or spatulas. **WATER** Add blocks or Legos to build a giant bucket. Add glasses of water to a table. ■ Shape blue pipe cleaners into rain drops and post them. **PEACE** Add to a string of paper dolls or doves to signify people coming together. ■ Piece together a puzzle made by cutting up a drawing or picture of a peaceful scene. ■ Add patches of colorful fabric or paper to create a peace quilt. **JOBS** Make a line of hats that represent different occupations. ■ Print out enlarged pictures of money from different countries and add them to a clothesline. **EDUCATION** Make a pencil tower or use other school supplies. ■ Complete the alphabet by adding letters as you move toward your goal. ■ Fill a board with scientific equations or mathematical formulas. **HIV AND AIDS** String ribbons of health across the room. ■ Create a tree of health, adding paper leaves with names written on them such as mother, friend, teacher, brother or nurse. **HEALTH** Add pictures of healthy babies to a collage. ■ “Build” a human body, adding a head, arms, torso, legs, toes, etc. **FRIENDSHIP** Add candles as a symbol of hope and welcome for newcomers. ■ Trace and cut the outline of a person on cardboard and stick on pictures of young adults from around the world.

Find more resources

Learn more about MCC at mcc.org. Go to mcc.org/store for toolkits, videos and publications to borrow, purchase or receive for free. Here are a few materials of interest:

Toolkits (FoodBasket, WaterWorks, PeaceParts, AIDS)
Lesson plans, stories, activities and a DVD

A Common Place magazine

Stories about the people and places where MCC works

Child's View DVD

A day in the life of children from various countries

Hello children's newsletter

Stories and activities from a different country in each issue

MCC cookbooks

Seasonal and international recipes

