



HELPING THE WORLD KNOW CHRIST THROUGH HIS WORD.



When it comes to raising support for your trip, there are many different options. As you begin to explore fundraising options, remember the major point is to effectively communicate what you are doing and how others can help. Listed below are a few fundraising options we suggest.

CHURCH PARTNERSHIP:

We strongly believe in the importance of being a part of the local church, and being sent to do missions by that local body of believers. When seeking support for your trip, your goal is not only financial support, but spiritual support as well. Getting your church involved in your missions experience allows them to know how to best pray, support, and encourage you before, during, and after you return from your trip.

Talk to your pastor about speaking to the church congregation.

Ask if your church has funds available to help support people going on mission trips.

Talk to Bible study groups in your church about partnering with you for financial and prayer support. This is a great way to involve the senior adults in your church.

Ask if the church will help plan, support, and execute a fundraiser for you and your team.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES:

While church partnership should be the primary avenue of fundraising, there are many other activities and events that provide fun ways for your church, friends, family and community to be involved in your missions experience. A few examples of these activities include:

- Dinner or Banquet Hosting a dinner or banquet for a large group of people from your church will allow you to speak to the group about your mission trip. This will get the word out about how people can help support your trip. We've seen groups do baked potato bars, pancake breakfasts, and spaghetti dinners to name a few examples.
- Silent Auction Work together to put on a silent auction with the help of your church. One way to gather items to auction off is by going into the community and asking businesses to donate various items. Let the business owners know the donations are going towards helping raise support for the trip.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Ask church members to volunteer to participate in a chili cook-off. You could take up donations and charge each person an entry fee to vote in the cook-off.

GARAGE SALE

After setting a date, time and place, begin advertising the event at church and among your friends and community. Ask people to collect items from home that they are willing to donate to the garage sale. Donate any leftover items to your local Thrift Store.

CAR WASH

Partner with a local bank or business who will allow you to hold a car wash in their parking lot. To increase funds raised, ask the business owner if he or she would be willing to match the amount raised from the car wash.

BABYSITTING

Ask friends and church members if they would be willing to hire you as a babysitter. Let them know the proceeds go to helping support your mission trip. In our experience, there is never a shortage of parents looking for good babysitters!

LAWN SERVICE

Ask friends and church members if they would be willing to hire you to work in their yard. Provide services such as mowing the lawn, weed eating, pulling weeds, raking leaves, and removing snow from driveways. People never mind paying for good old-fashioned sweat equity and will be generous in supporting your trip.

- Special Events Look into working for a special event that may be held in or near your town, such as a fair or sporting event. You could do tasks such as parking cars, taking up tickets at the entrance, or working in the concession stands.



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- Softball Tournament Get church members and friends to sign up to play on a softball team. Charge each team an enrollment fee and let them know the proceeds are going to fund your mission trip. Ask a local businessman at your church to support a longest homerun challenge and split the proceeds with the winner.
- Golf Scramble Work with your local golf course to put together a golf tournament or scramble. Ask the teams to pay a fee to enter, letting them know the proceeds are going to fund your mission trip. Ask a local businessman at your church to support a par 3 hole for a closest to the pin challenge and split the proceeds with the winner.
- Social Media Create a Facebook page or a blog to communicate trip details. This allows you to expand your audience, which may increase the amount of support you receive. Set up a PayPal account to allow people to give immediately and securely online.
- Email Blast Send out your support letter in email format to people as another way to expose them to your mission trip. Some people will communicate better and more promptly via email, and this allows you to diversify your modes of communication.
- Support Letter Check out the link to our support letter page for more information about how to write a support letter.