

HOW CAN I HELP

One of the biggest limitations faced here at the children's home is lack of funding. Many people would help if they only knew this need exists. Fund raising events bring awareness of the need and open the door for everyone to help. **FUNDS DO NOT RAISE THEMSELVES. YOU ARE KEY TO MAKING IT HAPPEN!!!!!!**

Fund raising is a way to Help the Children of the Home and have fun at the same time! Finding what fundraiser, you want to do and selecting duties for each person is the first start. Fundraisers are great activities for:

- Scout troops
- Youth groups
- Families
- Neighbors
- Communities
- Sunday School Classes
- School Classes
- Office Groups
- Work Friends
- Friends in General
- Sporting Teams or Clubs
- Organizations

The combination can be endless as can the fun while making a difference in the life of a child.

FUNDRAISING GENERAL TIPS

It only takes excitement of wanting to help the children with necessities of food and education to get the ball rolling. GET EXCITED and show LOVE for these children and others will catch the Excitement as well. Show pictures of the home, videos, have someone speak to your group about the needs of the home and what they have seen, or know about the home.

Work with each other on who will be in charge of the different areas of the fund raising. Not everyone can be the captain but everyone is IMPORTANT to make the event successful.

Advertising is very important and showing the need and the passion you have to raise money to send to purchase food or provide education for the underprivileged children will increase your response. They may donate airtime or ad space if they know your reasons for the event. Remember if no one knows about the event no one will come. The more you get the word out the more productive the event.

Be clear and upfront with everyone! Remember God will honor honesty and so will the people you are asking to help.

Asking for Advertizing space or time Start by telling them you are raising funds for a children's home the GSCH which needs funding to feed and education the children. (Know the facts about the home because they will ask questions... how many children... where... who runs it... etc...) Then you can ask What would you do to help feed a starving child?? Would you donate a 3x3 inch ad in your newspaper... a 20 sec. radio announcement for a week a couple of times a day...

For items to sell or prizes...Would you donate some item from your store...donate an oil change...a discount ticket for some item or service...30% 50% 10%.

For Event Space:

Again, do not be afraid to give them the opportunity to help. Knowing the Event is a non-profit event, the proceeds will be used to help needy and underprivileged children, many will cooperate to reduce fees or even donate the space or equipment. Of course you group will be responsible to make sure everything is well cared for and protected.

Know your city regulations and permits: Certain events may require you check to see if you need a permit or meet some regulation. For example: You plan a event including a band you will need to check and make sure of sound ordinances.....I mean you would not want to do that right next to a hospital and disturb patients and have the police show up. Or have a car wash to find there is a city ban on washing cars due to water shortages. Check first with local authorities or someone who knows. It will help your fundraiser stay FUN!!!

Safety: Remember SAFETY FIRST!!! In any event safety should be first consideration. Accidents and people getting hurt will ruin any event, even one for such a good cause. So leave Uncle Joe's homemade "To the Moon Cannon Shot Ride" at home.

Be Informed: Everyone working the event needs to know why they are raising funds. People will ask and well-informed answers given with passion will inspire them to give. Know the answers:

Question: So why are you doing this fund raising?

Answer: Oh we are so excited to be able to do this!!!! We are raising funds to help the Good Shepherd Children's home where 220 abused children live. They learn about God and His love for them. They now get to attend school, farming and trades. Before going to live there some would go days without eating.....can you imagine not eating for days.....

Question: How can I get in touch with them or find out more information?

Answer: Oh that's easy, let me get you a pamphlet with contact information.

Make it easy:

Have information and maybe pictures posted on the home and on how to continue to help. Have material printed to hand out with the website.....e-mail.....address of office.

Thank You:

Remember to say Thank You to everyone involved in your fundraising event. From the Highest level to the smallest level, each played a part. To those who gave products, discounts or other services. In addition, of course those who made the event a success by attending your event. Each one played a part and deserves to be thanked. Remind them that the children who will receive the food and education bought because of the hard work and donations would gladly say THANK YOU and give a BIG HUG to each and everyone!!

After the Event:

Take time to evaluate the event and how things went. What worked and why? What did not work and why? Was your purpose accomplished? Did you enjoy doing this to Help the Children? How can we make the next event even better? What other Fund Raisers can we do? Most importantly..... Was God Honored by and in our Event?

REMEMBER:

All you do is for the Glory of God and to Help His Little Children! If things do not go right PRAISE HIM anyway! IF differences of opinion cause hard feelings or someone thinks another did not give or do enough, FORGIVE and FORGET! Let this be a Fun and Fruitful time Serving Him for the Little Children!

NO matter how much money is raised and sent to the Hattiesburg office your Fund Raising Event was a success. Everyone wants to raise 10's of 1000's of dollars and may do just that. However, do not let a high goal that was not reached disappoint you. Every penny toward purchasing food and educational supplies for the children is a blessing!

******Also Remember***... many of the events can become monthly, bimonthly, semi-annual or annual.

Matthew 25 34Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.