

# Recycle Contest

## **RECYCLED CANS**

This is a simple and straightforward collection activity where classes, office groups or communities can compete against one another to see who raises the most money from recycling cans or other recyclables.

### **TIPS AND HINTS:**

#### ***Get the children involved:***

Let the children know that bringing in used cans will not only help needy children, but will also help the environment. Two good deeds in one!

#### ***Adults can do it to:***

Children should not have all the fun!! I mean why not show up your co-workers by winning a little trash for cash competition. Show them that you have what it takes to make a difference in the life of a child and be the top dog in the contest.

#### ***Make it fun:***

Have the children decorate a recycling bin adding their own touches to it. Adults can make theirs make a statement about children or cleaning up the world around us.

#### ***Specify where donations will go:***

Make sure you specify where the donations will specifically go on the bin or wherever you are going to keep the recycled cans. Example: "Purchase Food or school supplies for underprivileged children". You'll be more successful in getting donations if you associate the donation with a specific cause or ongoing program, especially one that works to clean up the world and feed a hungry child.

#### ***Other options:***

Rather than having classrooms or office workers compete, you could also get the whole school, company or even just the family involved as one. Make a sign for your recycling bin that will grab attention. For example:

"We are concerned about the environment and needy children, too. You can help us save the environment and help the children by leaving your empty cans and bottles with us."

Use your imagination and be creative!

#### ***Prizes and Rewards:***

Figure a suitable reward for the top winner of the contest. Maybe a special treat of some kind suitable for their hard work. Maybe a pool party at someone's home or the local pool.