

Ideas for Involving Youth Under 16 Fund Raising Ideas

Adopt a Plant:

Acquire flowering plants to be adopted by individuals for a donation and a set period of time. At the end of the build, the plants will be given to Habitat homeowners, volunteers, etc.

1. Purchase appropriate sized plants and/or flowers. It may be possible to get plants donated.
2. Determine a minimum donation one must pay to adopt a plant (\$2 to \$5 for example).
3. Ask family, friends, neighbors, etc. to adopt the plants for a given period of time. Or get permission to sell your plants at school, church, place of business, etc. Be sure to communicate what the money will go toward.
4. At the end of the build plants may be given to Habitat homeowners, volunteers, etc.
5. Reimburse the purchase of plants from your total sales and present the rest to the Habitat office.

Ornaments:

Decorate pre-made ornaments or create your own with a holiday theme or a Habitat theme (e.g. houses made of popsicle sticks).

1. Purchase appropriate materials, such as undecorated ornaments, popsicle sticks, string, glue, glitter, construction paper, etc. It may be possible to get such items donated.
2. Decorate pre-made ornaments or create your own from scratch. You can use themes for upcoming holidays or any occasion.
3. Determine a minimum selling price for the ornaments.
4. Ask family, friends, neighbors, etc. to purchase your ornaments. Or get permission to sell your ornaments at a craft fair, school, church, place of business, etc. Be sure to communicate what the money will go toward.
5. Reimburse the purchase of materials from your total sales and present the rest to the Habitat office.

Gingerbread Houses:

1. Purchase appropriate materials, such as graham crackers, icing, candy pieces etc. It may be possible to get such items donated.
2. Create simple gingerbread houses by either frosting or gluing graham crackers together. You may want to use small milk cartons for support. Please use non-toxic glue only!
3. Decorate houses with various candies and determine a minimum selling price.
4. Ask family, friends, neighbors, etc. to purchase your gingerbread houses. Or get permission to sell your houses at a craft fair, school, church, place of business, etc. Be sure to communicate what the money will go toward.
5. Reimburse the purchase of materials from your total sales and present the rest to the Habitat office.

Aluminum Can Drive:

Organize a school or classroom-wide recycling drive by encouraging students to collect cans for a given period of time and exchange the cans for a refund that will go towards the Youth United program.

1. Get permission to collect cans at your school, church, place of business etc.
2. Decide on a period of time to collect as many cans as possible (a week, month, semester, school year, etc.)
3. Make signs for collection bins, such as cardboard or plastic boxes.
4. Place bins in appropriate spots.
5. Advertise your can drive by posting flyers, sending e-mails, and making announcements. Be sure to communicate what the money from the cans will go toward.
6. Arrange to pick up cans when bins are full and return the cans for a refund.
7. Present the refund money to the Habitat office.

Change Drive:

1. Get permission to collect change at your school, church, place of business etc.
2. Decide on a period of time to collect change (a day, a week, month, etc.)
3. You can create a change collector out of a coffee can or decorate a shoebox in the shape of a house for example.
4. Place your change collector in an appropriate place or arrange to have youth hold collectors during a designated period of time.
5. Advertise your change drive by posting flyers, sending e-mails, and making announcements. Be sure to communicate what the money will go toward.
6. Present total change collected to Habitat office.

Number Guessing Contest:

Ask people to pay a certain amount of money to guess how many seeds in a pumpkin or how many jellybeans in a jar. The one who guesses the closest gets to keep the jar and its contents.

1. Get permission to hold a contest at your school, church, place of business etc.
2. Decide on a period of time to collect guesses (a day, a week, month, etc.)
3. Obtain a clear plastic container and fun item(s) to fill the jar with (candy, stickers, small toys, etc.) by either purchasing or asking for donations.
4. Cut up small pieces of paper with lines for name, phone number and guess.
5. Decide what amount of money people must pay to make a guess (25¢ to \$1).
6. Advertise your contest by posting flyers, sending e-mails, and making announcements. Be sure to communicate what the money from the guesses will go toward.
7. At the end of the contest give the person with the closest guess the contents of the jar or some other prize (you may be able to get this donated).
8. Present total money collected to Habitat office.

Hat for Habitat Day:

Have people at your school, church, or business pay to wear a hat of their choice for the day.

1. Get permission to hold this type of fundraiser at your school, church, place of business etc.

2. Decide on a specific date to hold your fundraiser.
3. Decide what amount of money people must pay to wear a hat (\$1 to \$5).
4. Advertise your Hat for Habitat fundraiser by posting flyers, sending e-mails, and making announcements. Be sure to communicate what the collected money will go toward.
5. Present the money to the Habitat office.

Greeting Cards:

Design, draw or decorate greeting cards or holiday cards, which you can then sell to family, friends, neighbors, etc.

1. Purchase appropriate materials, such as cardstock or construction paper, markers, glue, glitter, envelopes, etc. It may be possible to get such items donated.
2. Create cards for upcoming holidays or any occasion.
3. Package cards and envelopes and determine a minimum selling price.
4. Ask family, friends, neighbors, etc. to purchase your cards. Or get permission to sell your cards at a craft fair, school, church, place of business, etc. Be sure to communicate what the money will go toward.
5. Reimburse the purchase of materials from your total sales and present the rest to the Habitat office.

Decorate a Flower Pot:

Purchase small clay flower pots and decorate with markers or paint. Sell to family, friends, neighbors, etc. or use in conjunction with the *Adopt a Plant* fundraiser.

1. Purchase appropriate materials, such as clay pots, markers, glue, glitter, paint, etc. It may be possible to get such items donated.
2. Decorate flower pots and determine a minimum selling price.
3. Ask family, friends, neighbors, etc. to purchase your flower pots. Or get permission to sell your pots at a craft fair, school, church, place of business, etc. Be sure to communicate what the money will go toward.
4. Reimburse the purchase of materials from your total sales and present the rest to the Habitat office.

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