**FUNDRAISING IDEAS**

**Social Media** - We’ve seen in recent years one of the most effective ways to fundraise is through the use of social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. We encourage those who have accounts to use them for GOOD. Invite people into your story of serving, and how God is leading you to cross the bridge. Remember to provide the direct link to your fundraising page for people to give!

**Community Auction** - Going once, going twice, sold on the idea of supporting your team! Have your team members and others at your church donate goods that can be auctioned off, with proceeds going to the trip. Ask local businesses for donations of goods and services as many will jump at the opportunity for exposure.

**Prom Dress Sale** - Fundraising during prom season? Host a Prom Dress Sale event! Have members of your church or classmates donate last year’s prom attire (dresses, shoes, or jewelry) for a good cause. Advertise in the paper, at church, and school. Have dresses hanging on racks as people arrive. Place a minimum sale price on all items and let people know they have the option to donate more! All proceeds can go toward your team!

**Bake Sale** - Take a bite out of the budget by having team members make baked goods and sell them at church functions or outside grocery stores that are willing to accommodate.

**Create Custom Sneakers** - Have any artistic team members? Know any creative friends willing to donate their time for a cause? Friends and family pay a set amount for custom designed tennis shoes! Once orders are placed, purchase colorful craft paint or sharpie markers and inexpensive white canvas shoes. Create custom designs for your friends.

**Barbecue Festival** - Have a finger-licking-good time raising funds by hosting a cook-out at your church. Have church members donate the food and sides. Sell tickets or ask for donations at the door.

**Car Wash** - Get some liquid assets for your trip by hosting a car wash or selling car wash coupons. Offering the service for free and simply asking for donations may generate more business. Hold it in your church parking lot, or check with a local business in a high-traffic area to see if they will donate the space and water source.

**Chili Cook-Off** - Add some spice to your fundraising efforts by hosting a chili contest at your church. Have participants pay a nominal entry fee and then charge attendees to dine on the winning recipes. You can also ask for donations at the door.

**Dinners or Dinner Theaters** - Who doesn’t love dinner and a show? Host a dinner in your church fellowship hall and sell tickets to the occasion. If your church has a drama department, have them add a simple show to the evening. Provide free, on-site childcare to encourage more families to attend.

**Food Fundraising** - Give people a taste of their favorite guilty pleasure food by purchasing Krispy Kreme donuts, Chick-fil-A biscuits, Kettle Corn, etc. Many of these organizations offer their products in fundraising packages so that you can sell them at high-traffic intersections, schools and your church.

**“You’ve Been Flocked!”** - “Flock” your neighbors’ and friends’ yards! Church groups can order plastic flamingos and surprise friends with a midnight flocking. When your friend wakes up, he will have a wonderful surprise in his front yard with a sign reading: “You’ve been flocked by our Church Service Team!” Include information on your trip and the amount of funding you are hoping to raise. Offer to flock this person’s friend of choice for a team donation!

**Group Baby-Sitting Night** - Every parent needs a night off. Organize a time at your church where parents can drop off their children with your team and enjoy a date night out. Charge an hourly rate per child or ask for donations. Make sure you have enough volunteers to cover a crowd (ask the youth group to help if necessary).

**Hold Giant Garage Sales** - Make the most of spring cleaning (or whatever season it is), as everybody has stuff they want to get rid of. Encourage church members to dig through their closets, basements, and attics. Anything they are willing to donate will be placed on sale, with all proceeds going to your trip.

**Kid Festival** - Children love to play and parents love to keep them occupied. Organize and sell tickets to a simple festival that involves jumpy inflatables, face painting, games, popcorn and more. Businesses may also be willing to donate goods or services to the event.

**No-Talent Show** - Can’t hold a tune? Make the most of it. Have some fun and put on a variety show with your team members, talent or not. Perform skits or improv, play instruments, or sing show tunes. Sell tickets or ask for donations at the door. By all means, don’t hold back‚ it’ll make the occasion all the more enjoyable!

**Organize and Teach A Beginners Course** - Got skills? Leverage them for your cause. If anyone on your team has artistic, computer, or second language skills, have them teach a class. Or if you know someone with a specific skill, see if they would be willing to donate their time and teach it to others. Charge a fee to attend or ask for donations.

**Penny Or Change Drive** - Brothers, can you spare a dime? Ask your church members to bring their spare change to church each week and drop it in a bucket for your team. It will add up quickly, but be prepared to roll lots of pennies.

**Photo Session** ­-Say cheese, then please. You’ll be taking lots of photos on your trip, so get some practice by having an indoor or outdoor photo session for church members and others in your community. With digital photography, the process is relatively simple and low cost. Charge by photo or ask for donations for each picture someone wants.

**Rent-A-Team** - Hire individual members or your entire team out to do chores, yard work, painting, wash cars, baby sit or anything else your team is willing to do. Offer an hourly or daily rate, and market it church or community-wide with bulletin announcements and flyers.