

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

MISSION PARTNERS

Missionary work is never something that is done in solitude; it is always a community effort. The idea behind mission partners is to invite other people to be a part of your mission experience through prayer and/or financial support.

The simplest thing that you can do to fundraise for your mission camp is to ask friends and family members to make a small donation to your trip. If you were to get 8 people to each make a \$20 donation you would cover the cost of your WITNESS experience.

The idea behind this is to have a personal relationship with the people you invite to be mission partners. Your personal WITNESS is what will motivate them to contribute to your mission trip. See the attached letter as an example.

INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISER IDEAS

- Recycling** – There are many items that you can recycle in exchange for money, be it soda cans, scrap metal, or cell phones.
- Change Collection** – Collect all of the spare change you can. Have a jar at home that all of the spare change goes into. Pass that jar around at holidays or bring it with you to school and encourage your friends and classmates to donate.
- Work for it** – If you are old enough, consider getting a job and using some of the money you earn to pay your own way for your mission experience. If you're not old enough to get a job, offer to do chores for family members in exchange for a donation to your trip.

GROUP FUNDRAISER IDEAS

- Wall of Giving** – Create a bulletin board with 100 envelopes attached to each, each labeled with number from 1-100. Invite the members of your parish to select an envelope that corresponds to the amount that they are willing to donate to help youth attend WITNESS.
- Food Sales** – Sell some sort of food after mass one weekend. Ideas include: donuts/Kolaches, breakfast tacos, candy, popcorn, etc.
- Restaurant Fundraiser** – Many chain restaurants will partner with non-profit organizations to host a fundraiser where you get a percentage of the profits from a given night.



SAMPLE MISSION PARTNER LETTER

Dear Friends and Family:

This Summer God has called me to attend WITNESS, a local Catholic mission camp serving the greater Houston area the week of June 2-5th, 2019. I will be serving alongside other teens from my parish and the whole Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. This 4-day mission trip will be reaching out and spreading gospel to the poor, homeless, and vulnerable of our local community through acts of love and service. It is my hope that this mission trip will be the first step towards me living a more passionate life as a missionary disciple who is constantly bringing the good news of Jesus Christ others.

Mission work is never the act of a single person; mission is in fact the work of the entire Church. I want to invite you to be a part of my mission experience through several ways. First, you can help pray for me and my fellow missionaries. Second, I want to invite you to support me financially as a *Mission Partner*. My minimum goal is to get eight people to sign on as *Missions Partners*, each making a donation of \$20 or more. However, any and all donations are gladly accepted. As a *Mission Partner* you will be offered up in our daily prayer on the mission trip.

If you are able to support me in either prayer or as a *Mission Partner* please complete the bottom portion of this letter and return it to me with your donation by April 30, 2015 using the included envelope. Thank you for your support as I seek to serve God the mission field.

Yours in Christ,

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I will support you with prayer during your Mission Trip.

I wish to be a *Mission Partner* with a donation of: _____.