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SCHOOL
THE WORLD

FUNDRAISING TOOLKIT

FAMILIES | TEACHERS | SCHOOLS | COMMUNITY



"The future of the world is in my classroom."
– Ivan Welton Fizwater



EMPOWERMENT BEGINS WITH EDUCATION

OUR MISSION School the World is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization committed to solving extreme poverty through the power of education

Our work is made possible through the generous contributions and fundraising efforts of people like you!

We are thrilled that you are interested in partnering with us to change the lives of children living in extreme poverty!

THIS TOOLKIT is designed for Families, Teachers, Schools, and the wider Community, who are interested in helping us reach more children and empower more parents.

Although this toolkit is split up by Families, Teachers and Community, the majority of the fundraising ideas pertain to all "family friendly" events and fundraising - so please make sure to look through it all! :)

Whether that is through fundraising to build a school, or donating books to build a classroom library, all efforts are greatly appreciated and make a world of difference!

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WHAT YOU CAN FUNDRAISE FOR!

ADOPT OR SPONSOR A SCHOOL

The physical building is just the beginning! Our schools provide the stability that makes learning possible. It is often the first official school in the community, replacing makeshift structures in desperate need of repair. **Fundraising Goal: \$15,000**

TEACHER TRAINING

Our teachers receive two years of intensive training, focusing especially on child-centric teaching and developing early reading skills. We build a culture of professional pride, peer influence, and motivation. **Fundraising Goal: \$500**

BUILD A PLAYGROUND

We believe in providing young students a safe place to discover, imagine, and explore. On the playground, children develop social and cognitive life skills, mature emotionally, and gain self-confidence. **Fundraising Goal: \$5,000**

STOCK A CLASSROOM LIBRARY

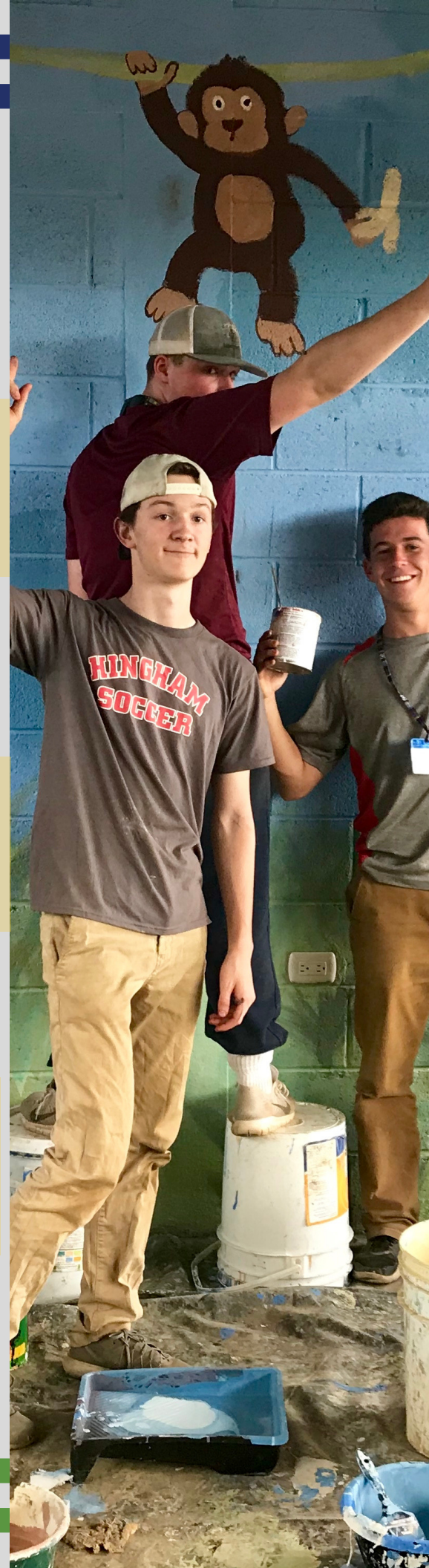
Children can't learn to read without books. Fundraise for book stickers so we can fill each school with their own library. **Fundraising Goal: \$250**

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The image of 12 students sharing a pencil in a Tanzanian classroom inspired our founder Kate Curran into action to begin School the World. Help provide our students with the tools they need to become world changers. **Fundraising Goal: \$100**

PARENT TRAINING

The majority of the parents we work with are illiterate, but they are determined to provide their children with the education they never had. We teach them about their rights as parents and the rights of their child, so they can hold teachers accountable. **Fundraising Goal: \$500**





STRATEGY & TIPS

When thinking of potential fundraising ideas, some will be more effective than others depending on who you are!

While going door to door and asking friends, neighbors, and businesses for donations is one option, in general, fundraising is most successful when done in group settings such as parties or school events.

These events get people emotionally invested in your cause. It also gives them the opportunity to get involved with your charity beyond their dollar donation.

THIS TOOLKIT WILL INCLUDE A NUMBER OF EVENT IDEAS FOR YOU TO TRY IN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY!

We also recognize that hosting and gatherings may not be for everyone. With this in mind, we've written several other fundraising ideas that can be done on an individual basis.

1

SET A CHALLENGING YET ATTAINABLE GOAL

2

BRAINSTORM HOW YOU WILL REACH YOUR GOAL

Fundraising events? Contests? Tabling at a community event? Who are you trying to gain support from? What's going to be the best way to reach them?

3

CREATE YOUR PITCH

Why are you passionate about education? Be prepared to explain this to potential donors or attendees

4

SET UP YOUR PAGE

Set up a fundraising page to begin your initial outreach & send to family & friends (contact STW staff to help you set it up)

5

EXECUTE THE IDEA

Plan your party, table, or fundraiser and make sure to do tons of advertising about the event or fundraiser via social media and email!

6

THANK YOUR DONORS WITH A HANDWRITTEN LETTER

WE THANK YOU FOR HELPING US EDUCATE CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD!

FAMILY



FAMILY

Ideas for your family to fundraise together:

TEACHING FINANCIAL LITERACY & GIVING

- Give your children the option of putting part of their money in a “spending account”, an “invest account”, or a “donate account”.
- Perhaps whenever they add to their “donate category”, the parents can match a percentage.
- **This teaches them to be money-wise and also about the importance of giving back**

BIRTHDAYS:

- Either as a family for the entire year or just a couple of family members - have them “give up their birthdays” and instead of asking for presents ask for donations.
- Ask for our Birthday fundraising guide and we can help you create some social posts to share!

FAMILY HANDYMAN SERVICES

- As a family, sell tickets in your neighborhood for handyman services. Offer to rake leaves, mow lawns, or garden. This can be a fun activity for your family and for your neighbors!

HOT COCOA OR LEMONADE STAND

- Depending on the season put together a table with your family a couple of weekends out of the year in your local community and sell hot cocoa or lemonade.
- We are always available to help with posts, photos etc. - whatever you need to make your table and event a success!

GET THRIFTY

- Selling old clothes or toys is a terrific option to raise money and get that clutter out of your house. Host a yard sale and advertise that the proceeds are going to School the World!

CHANGE JAR FOR A YEAR

- Designate a family change jar in your house where everyone's change will go at the end of each day!
- Bring your change to a coinstar in your local supermarket and voila!
- You'll be surprised with how much loose change adds up to!





FAMILY CONTINUED

HOST A PARTY!!

The options and themes are endless

Just For Fun Parties

Holiday Parties

Host a BBQ

Movie Night

- Hang up a sheet in the back yard or your garage
- Spread out some blankets
- Throw some pillows
- Bring out the popcorn!

Culture Night

- Provide Latin American food & music
- Learn to Dance!

Give Back Night at a local restaurant

- Reach out to a local restaurants and partner with them for a night where a % of the proceeds goes towards your fundraising! Contact us for more details

Carnival

- Hang some fun streamers to look like a circus tent
- Face painting!
- Learn how to juggle
- Don't forget the popcorn and peanuts!

80's

- Get your disco on

Host a Talent Show!

Roaring 20's

- Throw a party that could rival even the GREAT GATSBY!

Bowling Night

- Rent a couple of lanes out at your local bowling alley and make the night a competition where all the proceeds goes to charity!
- Make teams and have each member pay a certain amount to play.

- *Sell Tickets*
- *Ask For Donations*
- *Raffle Gift Baskets*
- *Hold A Drive For school supplies at your party!*
Book Stickers
School Supplies
Teacher Resources
Games & Toys
- *Hold a contest at your party that your guests have to pay to enter*

A group of approximately 15-20 people, including adults and children, are standing in a large circle on a dirt path. They are all holding hands, suggesting a community or team-building activity. The adults are dressed in casual clothing, while the children are wearing a variety of colorful shirts and dresses. Some of the children are wearing traditional Mexican-style dresses with floral patterns. The background is a dense forest of tall pine trees under a clear blue sky. The ground is dry and reddish-brown. The overall atmosphere is bright and positive.

TEACHERS & CLASSROOMS

TEACHERS & CLASSES

PENNY WARS

Is there a fun rivalry between the same-grade classes? Have each class collect as much change as they can and see who can collect the most. At the end, the winning class can get a prize.

Up the competition. Add dimes and quarters to other classes' jars

- Pennies +5 points
- Dimes -5 points
- Nickels +10 points
- Quarters -10 points

CAR WASH (WEATHER PERMITTING)

Take a car wash to the next level by planning it around a theme; for instance, superheroes or your local sports team. Your students can even wear costumes. Teams can participate in shifts, competing to see which group can raise the most money, turn around the most cars, or have the best sidewalk hustle. Don't forget the creative signs – you'll need to lure in customers.

BAKESALE

Organize a bake sale where each student in your class has a responsibility to either bake something, work at the bake sale, or advertise the bake sale!

HOLIDAY GIVING DRIVE

Have students collect toys or school supplies or recess games to donate to schools in Latin America. Even if it isn't the holiday season you can still do a giving drive for any holiday! Valentine's Day, Literacy Day, MLK Day ... you name it!

SELL BOOK STICKERS

Have students sell book stamps to donate to help fill our school libraries! Much like how girl scouts sell girl scout cookies! Each signed sticker will be put in the actual book that is donated.

PAJAMA DAY

Students donate to a good cause for the excuse to show up at school in their jammies – especially fun during the colder months when you just want to be warm and cozy!

CREATE A CLASS COOKBOOK

A cookbook is a great opportunity to get everyone involved, no matter their age! Ask students, staff, and parents to contribute recipes to your community cookbook. There are a variety of low-cost online publishers that will take your digital document and turn it into a beautiful bound book that you can sell at a profit.





COMMUNITY OF TEACHERS

GET A GROUP OF FELLOW TEACHERS ON BOARD & FUNDRAISE TO TRAIN TEACHERS IN GUATEMALA

Collaborate with your colleagues to help give our teachers the quality teacher training they never had so that they can become quality educators for the next generation of world changers!

CANDY JAR COUNT:

A quick and easy fundraiser with low overhead but fun results. All you need is a large jar that you can fill up with candy and each teacher takes a shift selling tickets to other staff and students to take a guess at how many candies are in the jar. You can either offer the candy as the prize, or have different prizes depending on how close the guesses are!

BABYSITTING FOR THE PARENTS:

For those who work at elementary schools, play to the parental appeal by offering babysitting services at the school after hours. Raise funds by having parents pay for a few hours of child-minding while they go out in the evening and have a night to themselves. Be sure to have your babysitting teachers or students well stocked with games and snacks for the kids!

50/50 RAFFLE

Low effort to set up with maximum impact! A 50/50 draw is a simple lottery system (the monetary prize is 50% of how much money is raised) that can work as a standalone fundraiser or as something supplementary to another event. The more people that participate, the more money that gets raised for charity – plus the jackpot becomes even higher.

POLAR PLUNGE OR ANOTHER CHALLENGE IF YOU MEET YOUR GOAL

Welcome students back to campus after Christmas with a cold plunge to raise money for charity! Or - if it is not the holiday season set up another reward such as a dunk tank or slime bucket that will be poured over the principal or fellow teachers head's in front of the entire school if your goal is met (with their permission of course!).

A group of children and an adult are gathered outdoors in a rural setting. The children are wearing colorful clothing, and the adult is wearing a striped shirt and a headband. They are standing on a dirt path with a hillside in the background. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid on the image, containing the title and a paragraph of text.

SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY

SEVERAL EVENTS IN THE SCHOOLS SECTION CAN BE
SCALED UP OR DOWN DEPENDING ON THE GROUP
SIZE. PLEASE READ ON FOR MORE FUN IDEAS YOU
CAN SCALE-DOWN TO FIT YOUR CLASSROOM!

SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY

PENNY WARS

- Take the penny wars to the school level!
- Have the grades compete against each other to see who can raise the most money.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

- Does your school host a craft fair each year?
- Sell tickets to enter, and charge an application fee for vendors.
- Advertise that proceeds are going to School the World!
- Set up a gift wrapping booth and charge a small fee to wrap holiday presents!

A SCHOOL-WIDE HOLIDAY DRIVE

- Get the classes together to fundraise by grade, to build a school for children without access to school. To build a new playground. To stock a library
- See who can bring in the most books! The most donations! The most school supplies!

COMMUNITY COOK BOOK

- Have children and parents contribute one recipe and put together a community cook book to sell for the holidays!





SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY

HOST A SCHOOL FESTIVAL!!

The options and themes are endless

Spirit week

Holiday Celebrations

Field Day

Host a BBQ

Obstacle Courses

Mazes

Triva

Open House

Olympics

Host a Talent Show!

Movie Night

- Set up a projector in the auditorium, gym, or cafeteria
- Bring out the popcorn!

Carnival

- Hang some fun streamers to look like a circus tent
- Face painting!
- Learn how to juggle
- Don't forget the popcorn and peanuts!

Faraway Places

- Have stations of different countries around the world
- Share music
- Learn about local traditions
- Try on festive costumes
- Taste new foods!

Culture Night

- Celebrate holidays in Latin America
- Sing Songs
- Learn to Dance!
- Share Latin American food

Sell Tickets

Ask For Donations

Raffle Gift Baskets

*Giveaways For Donation
Goals Reached*

Hold A Drive For Supplies

Book Stickers
School Supplies
Teacher Resources
Games & Toys

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us and we'll help you with your fundraising planning!

Email: info@schooltheworld.org
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We also have more resources and information on our website

schooltheworld.org

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