

WAYS TO FUNDRAISE

Aside from gathering donations, there are many ways your group can get creative to raise funds to support Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity.

Food-themed events

- **Bake sale/Cookie walk:** Gather goodies to sell and raise funds!
- **Hold a chili/grill cook-off or cake-baking/cookie-decorating competition:** Charge a small entry fee at the door to receive all the samples the attendee's heart desires!
- **Ice Cream Social:** Get some ice cream and charge people \$5 for all-you-can-eat sundaes.
- **Spaghetti Dinner:** Charge \$5 for all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner.
- **Craft sale:** Ask individuals to donate quilts, children-created crafts, stepping stones, etc. and auction off the items.
- **Cold Meat Croissant/Sub or Pizza Sales:** Take orders for the food and then select a day for your group to assemble them.

Drives

- **Popcan Drive:** Ask individuals to donate redeemable aluminum cans and pop bottles, then sort them and drop them off at Can Shed for redemption.
- **Clothing Drive:** Have individuals drop off their clothing/gently used items on a designated day, and then host a garage sale or take the items to a consignment shop.
- **Change Drive:** Collect change from your pockets and purses! You can even have a challenge within your group or against another group.
- **Service Drive:** Canvas a neighborhood with fliers telling them you'll be offering to complete light household and outdoor tasks in exchange for a donation to Habitat.

Special events

- **Habitat Extravaganza:** Organize an event with food, music, and construction events (nail-driving contest, obstacle course, board walk). Accept free-will donations or charge an entry fee.
- **Silent Talent Auction:** Use your individuals' talents and gifts! Ask them to donate a talent or service (cooking classes, cake-baking classes, tutoring sessions, piano lessons, a week's worth of meals) and hold a silent auction.
- **Dunk Tank:** Ask a well-known person if they'd participate in a dunk tank or pie-throwing contest if your group reaches your fundraising goal.

Small-scaled activities to involve the entire group

- **"Go Without" day:** Encourage everyone within your group to go without something they wouldn't normally go without for an entire day: coffee, pop, movie, dinner out, night out on the town, etc. To recognize their efforts, have each participant fill out a pledge card to show what they decided to "Go Without."
- **Give a Dollar:** Ask each person in your group and each person they encounter on a declared day to give \$1.

Support our already-establish programs

- **Recruit professional contractors:** We have to hire in plumbing, electrical, HVAC, and drywallers. Getting someone to donate their labor and/or materials will support us as we build a home for a family in need and provide them with a tax deduction.
- **Donate an old car or other vehicle:** Through Habitat's program, "Cars for Homes," anyone can donate a vehicle – running or not – to Habitat and it will help build a home (plus you'll get a tax credit!).

Contact Kasie (319.337.8949 or resource.ivhfh@gmail.com) today to help in promoting your event to our supporters and the community.