

## 12 WAYS TO RAISE **FUNDS FOR TEENPACT**

- Send out a letter asking people to contribution towards your participation at TeenPact. Explain what the program is about and why you are interested in attending. If these people understand how it will benefit and impact you, they are more likely to want to support your attendance. Make it personal!
- Approach your local community service clubs (VFW, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Political Clubs, Chamber of Commerce) or local businesses and ask if they will sponsor you for the event. You can even offer to help out around their offices with cleaning or filing in return.
- Get your friends involved! Invite some friends over for a baking day, then follow that up with a bake sale over the weekend. You can sell items at a stand near your home, or take special orders from people in your community. Who doesn't love some delicious food and sweet treats?
- Design a brochure for when people ask, "What are you up to this year?" Or, "How's school going?" You can tell them all about TeenPact and let them know you are fundraising. If people aren't able to donate right away, they will have something to hold onto to remind them down the road.
- If you have a close family member who wants to support you, but really wants you to make the effort, ask if they would be willing to match the funds you raise. If you make \$50 at your bake sale, maybe they'll double it! Seeing you work hard to accomplish your goal means a lot to your loved ones.
- During the holiday season, there are many wrapping stands for various charities who are searching for volunteers. Try to help out at a wrapping stand and work for tips. Not only will this help you raise funds, but you'll be helping others in the process. That's one way to make the most of your time!
- Find some stuff around the house you don't need: clean out your closet; get rid of some old books. Get this stuff together and ask for non-monetary donations from friends. Once you've collected a good amount of stuff, you can organize a yard sale! People usually have lots of stuff they can get rid of, but no time to sell it. Instead of donating to Goodwill, they can donate to you so you can raise funds for TeenPact.

- 8 Many times, there are church functions or individuals in churches looking for child care. You can offer to babysit for a low rate, but let them know it's for a good cause. When you explain the program (maybe give them one of your brochures) they might just want to contribute a little extra. Babysitting isn't your thing? Try lawn care instead.
- Ask your family and close friends to save all of their spare change for you for a month... or two... or three! You would be surprised how quickly those small coins add up.
- If you've got a birthday before TeenPact, have a birthday party, and ask for money for TeenPact instead of gifts. Remember, when you show your friends that this isn't just for fun, but rather a life investment, they will love to help you out!
- Ask friends, family, and local organizations to donate gift cards, cakes, and other miscellaneous items for an auction. Many times, churches will allow you to host a gathering to sell these items at auction. You never know what people are willing to buy for a good cause.
- Do you know other students interested in TeenPact? Gather a group to host a tournament; sports, games, etc. Each player must have a sponsor to participate. Get sponsors to agree to amounts per point, or per win. Have a contest for who can get the most sponsors in the tournament and award the winner with a small prize. Gather all the sponsorship money and divide it between yourselves. Have some fun, raise some funds!