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Fundraising Tool Kit G

GUESSING GAMES

There are many versions of guessing games, but the principle is the same for each. Participants are given the opportunity to guess the number of items and they must pay for each guess. The simplest version is a large jar filled with virtually any item as long as it takes a lot of them to fill the jar.

TIPS AND HINTS:

Cost of ticket:

You determine the cost of guess ticket. Tickets may simply be pieces of colored paper with lines for the person's name and for their guess.

Cause donation will go to:

Be sure you have a sign that explains what the proceeds will be used for. This helps those donating feel like they can associate their donation with an ongoing program and if it happens to be one that warms the heart, they'll be more likely to give!

Be Seasonal and make it fun:

If you use candy, you could vary it by season- red hots for Valentine's Day, candy corn at Thanksgiving and Halloween, multi-colored Hershey kisses at Christmas. Other items to be used: pennies, dried beans, screws, soft drink tabs, paper clips, even confetti(really tough). Try to think of something that would be the most intriguing to your probable participants.

Jar location:

Now that your jar is filled, you need to place it in conspicuous place such as a display case at school so everyone can see it. Place a sign next to the jar challenging the participants to guess the number of "whatevers" in the jar and stating the cause that will benefit from the money raised.

Prizes and Rewards:

Closest guess receives a prize and everyone that participates gets to share the contents in the jar, this way everyone that participates gets something.

GIRL SCOUTS

An excellent source of pride in a community is the Girl Scouts. They can be approached and asked to assist in a fundraising event. Let them decide what, where and when they would like to do it ...maybe a spaghetti dinner, a car wash....but with their enthusiasm and group leader's guidance, much can be accomplished. Make sure the local papers are notified of the upcoming event and after the fundraiser, it would be great to acknowledge the Girl Scout Troop's success by ask-

ing the local paper to run a picture and story in the newspaper. The girls will earn a badge for this kind of voluntary effort.

