



Host a Fundraiser!

Are you looking to make a difference?

If you're passionate about supporting homeless children, youth, and families, you've come to the right place! Volunteering with **Homeless Children's Network (HCN)** is a powerful way to help provide mental health and wellness resources to children and families in need.

One great way to get involved is by organizing a fundraiser whether in-person or virtual, at your school or workplace, with friends and family, or even on your own. There are plenty of creative ways to raise funds and make a meaningful impact in our community.



To help you get started, we've put together a collection of resources to guide you in planning your fundraiser. Explore the options below and take the first step toward making a difference!

Special Event Fundraising

Hosting a special event is a powerful way to unite your community in support of a great cause. Below, you'll find inspiring event ideas to help raise funds for HCN. Together, we can create lasting change by providing trauma-informed mental health care to marginalized communities in San Francisco, empowering them to build resilience and thrive in safe and supportive communities.

- Bake Sale
- Paint Night
- BBQ
- Sports Tournament
- Golf Outing
- Fun Run
- Potluck
- Restaurant Night Out Profits
- Dedicate Your Birthday Party or Bar Mitzvah To Raise Funds
- Car Wash
- Lemonade Stand
- Other Creative Ideas You Think Of!

Virtual Fundraising

- **Fitness Class:** Get active by creating a virtual donation-based fitness class such as yoga, Zumba, dance, or any other fitness activity you are interested in.

- **Cooking:** In your chef era? Host a donation-based cooking class to share more about HCN by cooking a meal together virtually or by swapping recipes.
- **Art:** Are you creative and want a more quiet way to fundraise for HCN? You could create art and sell it online through platforms such as Etsy, Facebook Marketplace, or through social media. Donate a portion of your proceeds to help support and bring trauma-informed mental health care to marginalized communities in San Francisco.

Donate in Honor or in Memory

If you have lost someone close to you, a fundraiser is a beautiful way to honor them by helping homeless children, youth, and families who need critical mental health and wellness services, giving them a brighter future.

Social Media Outreach Campaign

If you love social media, you can use it to spread awareness about HCN's work and encourage donations. Even if people don't donate right away, your efforts will still amplify the message and reach those who may want to support in the future. Whether through Instagram posts and stories, TikTok videos, or other social media platforms, raising awareness is an easy yet powerful way to help the communities HCN serves. Every share, like, and post makes a difference!



Fundraiser Resources:

Social Media Caption Example:

"I am excited to announce that I will be hosting a (include name/ type of event) on (date) for @hcnkidssf to help homeless children, youth, and families get critical mental health and wellness support in San Francisco! (Add 1-2 lines about your connection to mental health or homelessness, details on your event, and how to register) [Include a link to your personal fundraising page]

Printable Fundraiser Poster



Give us a call to share your ideas, get input on your materials, and more!

If you would like to learn about other volunteer opportunities organized by HCN, including supporting HCN's toy and back-to-school drives and other events, please visit:

<https://www.hcnkids.org/volunteer-opportunities>