

Fundraise for us

SPREADING SOLIDARITY



Online peer-to-peer fundraising

Do you want to raise money to support communities in the Global South but don't know where to start? Here are some ideas and ways you can use our peer-to-peer online fundraising platform to raise funds in support of the work of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. It's a fast, easy, and powerful way to fundraise! All you have to do is find an idea and get started!

Create your fundraising page at: devp.org/spreadingsolidarity

Our online fundraising platform is free to use, reduces donation processing costs and donors will instantaneously receive a tax receipt by email. When you ask someone to donate to Development and Peace, you are giving them a chance to help build a world of justice. The easiest way to get your first donation is simple - just ask!

If you need help organizing a fundraiser, you can also refer to these [Fundraising Tips](#).



List of ideas



1. Challenge yourself!

Have you been wanting to achieve a personal goal or give yourself a tough challenge? What better incentive than to do it for a good cause. Set up a fundraising page and ask your friends and family to encourage you by making a donation. The possibilities are endless but here are a few ideas to motivate you:

 Do something impressive <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climb a mountain• Run (1km, 5km, 10km, half a marathon or a marathon!)• Bike, skate, ski, snowshoe walk, swim, walk	 Do something for our common home <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Go vegan for a month• Practice zero waste for two weeks• Abandon your car for a month• Plant trees• Pick-up the garbage in your street or local parc
 Do something wild <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shave your head• Grow a mustache or a beard (or shave your mustache or beard!)• Say no to Christmas presents and ask for donations• Take a polar plunge	 Do something for yourself <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loose weight• Quit smoking• Fast on Good Friday• Change a bad habit
 Do something fun <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebrate an anniversary• Get married!• Organise a soup and bun dinner• Have a bowl-a-thon• Plan a movie night	 Do something for your community <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Honour someone special• Give your time• Auction art made by a child



2. Raise funds as a team

Our online fundraising platform also allows you to raise funds as a team. Think of an activity that you can do as a group, create your team's page, and ask your friends and family to join you. Each member of your team can create their own fundraising page. For instance, you could organize a walk, an initiative that had proven very successful during our *Share the Journey* campaign.

"On May 27, 2018, four Development and Peace members of the Victoria Diocese participated in a 10K walk and raised funds for the organization. We used the peer-to-peer online fundraising tool and emailed our families and friends requesting they support us on our walk. The donations flowed in, on average between \$25 and \$50. We raised a total of \$4,285 and had fun walking the 10K together. We hope to make this an annual activity to support Development and Peace!"

– Nancy Stuart, member from Victoria, BC



3. Raise funds for your birthday

Your birthday is a great opportunity to reach out to your friends and family and ask for a donation for a cause that is dear to you. Create your fundraising page a few days before and make sure to share it the day of your birthday!

"For my 75th birthday, I planned a peer-to-peer fundraiser aiming to raise funds for Development and Peace. It took little time to create and was easy to share with my friends and family. This simple initiative helped raise over \$1,200 for Development and Peace!"

– Martin Blanchet, member from Edmonton, AB



4. Organize a THINKfast

This 25-hour fast is an interactive learning experience for youth who are passionate about social justice. Our THINKfast program has its own fundraising platform. Learn more about this immersive way to learn about global injustice while raising funds for our sisters and brothers in the Global South by visiting devp.org/thinkfast. You will discover many resources to help you organize your fast such as the Organizer Toolkit and an activities database.

"THINKfast has been a popular event at Holy Cross C.S.S. since 1995. Over 50 students, staff and other volunteers join us annually for this unique overnight retreat experience. We fast, pray, reflect on social justice themes, and raise money for Development and Peace. Each student is expected to raise at least \$50 by collecting pledges in the weeks leading up to the big event. We usually raise well over \$2,500. In solidarity with the many other schools across Canada who do THINKfasts, we continue to make a difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers in the Global South, as well as here in Canada. THANK YOU D&P. THINKfast forever!"

– Chris Forster, Chaplaincy Leader at Holy Cross C.S.S., Kingston, Ontario



5. Launch your own idea!

What would you love to do to raise funds for Development and Peace?

Get creative! Do not hesitate to share with us your ideas and initiatives, testimonials and pictures of your peer-to-peer fundraiser at fundraisingpage@devp.org.