

TESTED AND APPROVED FUNDRAISING IDEAS!

You want to raise money to support communities in the Global South but don't know where to start? There are many easy and fun ways to raise funds for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada! Here are some ideas and testimonials from our committed members across Canada.



Walk and fundraise

Like the St. Thomas More College Youth group of Saskatoon (above), organize a *Share the Journey* walk in your community, school or parish to raise funds and walk in solidarity with those forced to flee their homes. A peer-to-peer fundraising platform as well as helpful tools are available at devp.org/walk:

- Plan your walk.
- Create an individual or group fundraising page.
- Invite family and friends to walk with you and sponsor you. You will be notified when a contribution is made to your page.
- After the walk, don't forget to add your kilometres to our virtual calculator.

"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, National Council member from Victoria, BC



Peer-to-peer fundraising

Raise funds for Development and Peace by customizing a giving page and sharing it in your networks.

Our main peer-to-peer fundraisers are the *Share the Journey* walks and THINKfast, but nothing stops you from planning your own fundraiser!

It is free to use, reduces donation processing costs and donors automatically 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!

- Create your individual or group fundraising page online at devp.org/walk or devp.org/thinkfast.
- Share your page in your networks so they can learn more about your commitment and make an online donation in support of your efforts.

"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, National Council member from Edmonton, AB

GIVE ONLINE

Your dollar goes further when you give online! A safe and direct way to give to Development and Peace, while reducing administrative costs. Give today at devp.org/give!

THINKfast

This 25-hour fast is an interactive learning experience for youth who are passionate about social justice.

Fasting is part of Catholic tradition. It is a spiritual practice and a way to stand in solidarity with the hungry, poor, and oppressed. Development and Peace encourages you to reach out to staff should you need support, guidance or inspiration when planning your event.

Visit devp.org/thinkfast to download the Organizer Toolkit and learn about activities that can provide hands-on experiences of the issues surrounding poverty and injustice. Create a personal or group fundraising page to help collect donations.



"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 THINKfast, 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

Share Year-Round

Monthly giving is simple for you, reduces operational costs for Development and Peace and makes an impact for those in need.

"My passion for Development and Peace has been concentrated on the Share Lent campaign, with a particular focus on the monthly donor program, Share Year-Round, which I actively promote. While in university, I started giving \$5 a month, and each year since then, I have increased my monthly donation by one dollar. The money is taken directly from my bank account and I don't even notice it - but they do! It makes a big difference for vulnerable communities in the Global South."

–Desiree Nelson, member since 2006, Saskatoon, SK

Screening events for *After the Storm: Building the Pope Francis Village* documentary

This film tells the story of survival and reconstruction in the Philippines after Super Typhoon Haiyan in November 2013. Five years later, Development and Peace shares the inspiring journey of poor coastal communities who rebuild after losing everything.

Visit devp.org/en/philippines-documentary for resources to help you organize your event!

"We organized a screening of this wonderful documentary in our parish. This is a very good example of the concrete work of Development and Peace as part of a reconstruction program. I encourage parishes and schools to organize a screening of this moving film. The people who attended the screening in my parish were very proud to see their gifts at work. The main goal of our event was not to raise funds, but if this had been the case, we would have set up a table to collect donations before and after the screening with donation forms and envelopes as well as a laptop with Internet connection to receive any online donations."

–Luce Dubé, pastoral worker at the parish of Notre-Dame-de-l'Annonciation of the Diocese of Quebec, QC

Benefit Concert *Voices of Women for Peace*



"On April 13, 2018, we organized a benefit concert at St. Albert the Great Church in Montreal. It was a wonderful collective project. More than 250 people attended, including the consuls of Ecuador, Argentina and Mexico. The four guest artists sang with generosity, passion and commitment. The event raised more than \$6,200. We achieved our goal of raising awareness and funds for marginalized communities in the Global South!"

–Youth group of Montreal, QC

Lenten Soup and Bun Meals



“Every year, for the past seven years our committee has coordinated six Soup and Bun meals on Friday evenings during Lent, after a 5:30 Eucharistic Celebration in the church. Different parish committees, including ours, volunteer to bring pots of soup, set up the food table and wash up the dishes used. We set up a basket for a free-will offering for our D&P Share Lent campaign. After the meal, we offer a 20 to 30-minute program (*i.e.* the D&P Way of the Cross, a video, guest speaker on a topic related to justice or a D&P Solidarity Visitor presentation). We raise about \$1,000 per year with an average participation of 30 to 40 parishioners at every meal.”

– Justice and Peace Committee of St. Anne’s Parish, Saskatoon, SK

Mason Jar Soup Sale



“A couple of years ago, in 2012, we started selling jars of soup mix. Each year, a few members of our little team (of 15) get together for this project. We first buy the ingredients in bulk. Then, we meet for an evening and in a couple of hours, we have filled up a few hundred glass jars with the ingredients necessary to make soup. We then decorate the jars with nice fabric and glue the ingredients and recipe on the side. We sell between 200 and 600 jars every year, smaller jars are sold for 6\$ and bigger ones for 12\$, which amounts to a few thousands of dollars for Development and Peace!”

– Louisanne Lamothe-Ouellette, member of Saint-Jean-Longueuil Diocese, QC

The Box Lunch Auction

“Each year, Holy Cross High School in Saskatoon holds a Box Lunch Auction to raise money for Development and Peace. Homeroom classes create, assemble, and prepare lunches which are then sold off to the highest bidders. Students gather in the gym in the morning and for one hour, lunches are promoted (by a real auctioneer) and sold - always for a value far exceeding the actual cost of the meal! The spirit that overrides the event is not ‘how much can we get,’ but ‘how much can we give.’ Thousands of dollars are raised as the school comes together in a spirit of community and generosity.”

– Louise Bitz, former teacher at Holy Cross High School in Saskatoon, SK

Send us your used stamps!

Each year, members of Development and Peace who are philatelists organize used stamp sales in Quebec to raise money for Development and Peace. Simply cut off stamps from your envelopes without damaging perforations and send them to Development and Peace:

Development and Peace | STAMP PROJECT
1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 3rd Floor
Montreal (Quebec) H3G 1T7



“Over the years, we have raised more than \$500,000 for Development and Peace. To see the results and involvement of our many volunteers over the last 33 years, we can conclude that the stamp sale was... a good idea!”

– Jean-Pierre Lagacé, co-founder of the stamp initiative, member from Beloeil, QC

Planned Giving

Make a bequest by will or a gift of securities and leave a legacy of hope for future generations!

Planned giving allows you to take advantage of tax savings during your lifetime and can also benefit your estate. For more info: devp.org/donate.