



Ten Tips to Help your Child Raise \$10 for 100 Kids Kingston!!

Helping your child raise his or her own money to donate to charity at 100Kids will make the gift of giving a much more meaningful and rewarding experience than if you give the money to them. It may take a little bit of planning but it can also be a great way to spend time quality as a family!

The following is a list of suggestions and ideas to share with your children to inspire and encourage them to raise their own money for 100Kids Kingston:

1. **Allowance**- Children of almost any age are able to help with chores around the house. Offer to give your child a certain amount of money for each chore that is accomplished. For example, offer to give your child \$0.50 for sweeping the floor after breakfast, \$0.25 for making his or her own bed, and \$0.50 for helping unload the dishwasher. Even that small amount adds up quickly- after 10 days, your child will have enough money to donate at the meetings...and maybe even some extra for savings!
2. **Birthday money**- Some children receive money as a gift for their birthday. Teach your child to be charitable with his or her birthday money by putting a fraction of the money aside for charity. Even a small amount such as 10% may go a long way. Talk to your child and help him or her determine a reasonable amount for donation.
3. **Outdoor help**- Families in your neighbourhood may love having some help outdoors with the yard work. Talk to your neighbours and let them know your child is trying to raise money for a local charity. Chances are they will jump on the chance to have some help while supporting a good cause at the same time!
4. **Lemonade Stand**- Kids of all ages love lemonade! Help your child set-up a lemonade stand in your driveway. Encourage your child to write flyers to distribute to neighbours, or a sign to post at the end of the road. It's a delicious and fun way to raise a little money for a good cause!
5. **Neighbourhood car wash**- In the hot months, with the help of a parent or guardian, your child can hold a neighbourhood car wash! Decide on a date and make some flyers to hand out to friends and neighbours (make sure you tell them why you're doing it!) All you need is a bucket, some soapy water, sponges, and a lot of enthusiasm!

6. **Garage Sale-** A garage or yard sale is a great and fun way to get rid of a few things around the house while making a little money for charity. Help your child collect toys, games, puzzles, and any other item that he or she does not use any more. To simplify things, group the items into price categories (i.e. puzzles 50c, game \$1, etc.) Make sure to let neighbours know that all profits will be going to 100Kids, Kingston!
7. **Create a show-** Is your child one who likes to dress-up, sing, dance, and put on a good show for friends and family? If he is, then this may be the idea for him! If your child is comfortable performing in front of others, he may want to put on a show for friends and family on a weekend afternoon and charge a small admission. Better still, have other friends and family participate and make it a family talent show! At \$1.00 per ticket, you'll be sure to have a big audience- and an even bigger donation for charity!
8. **Pet sitting-** If your child loves animals, pet-sitting may be a great way to earn some money. Decide which animals you like caring for and are comfortable around and let friends and neighbours know you would like to help. People may be interested in care arrangements for their fish, cats, or rabbits. Or may ask for some help with dog walking. Just make sure your child feels safe and is well-supervised during these activities.
9. **Get creative!** Many children love doing arts and crafts. Have your child make some beaded necklaces, bracelets, keyrings, etc. Materials can be inexpensive at any dollar store to keep costs low! Offer the jewelry to aunts, uncles, grandparents, and anyone else you think would be interested in helping your child raise money for a great cause.
10. **Bake Sale-** Everyone loves fresh baked goods! Baking with your child can be a great learning experience, a wonderful way to spend a morning together, and a simple way to help your child raise a little money.

Remember, parents, only YOU know your child best and which activities are most appropriate for your child. We appreciate your support and encouragement!