

# Fund Raising Steps

1. Take one week to pray that God will open people's hearts to pray for you and support you financially.
2. Start talking to people at church, school, work and other places.
  - Let people know what you are doing and why.
  - Show your excitement.
  - At this point, don't ask for financial support unless the other person brings it up.
  - Even as you go through these steps below, continue to talk with people about your upcoming SERVE experience.
3. Prepare a list of at least 50 people who could receive the packets.  
(See Potential Supporters Checklist)
  - Family
  - Friends
  - Parents of friends
  - Friends of your parents
  - Church members
  - Teachers
  - Co-workers of parents and/or yourself
4. Pray over this list.
5. Write a letter to them and
  - Explain why you believe God is leading you to participate in SERVE.
  - Briefly explain your SERVE site and what you will do.
  - Ask for prayer support.
  - Ask for financial support. Request that all checks be made out to Youth Unlimited, but have the checks and/or cash be sent to you.
  - Ask them to check out the website at [www.youthunlimited.org](http://www.youthunlimited.org).
  - Don't forget to sign the letters!
6. Hand-address the envelopes.
7. Place one of each item in the envelope:
  - Your letter (this should be first in the packet).
  - SERVE brochure.
  - SERVE site details.
  - Envelope with your name and address on it.

- Prayer Card or Bookmark that you design with your name, SERVE site and dates, and a photo to remind your supporters to pray for you.
8. Pray over these packets and place them in the mailbox.  
DON'T forget postage.
  11. Please send the checks into the YU office once a week so the checks can be processed in a timely manner.
  12. Talk to your pastor and Youth Pastor. Ask them for their encouragement and prayer support.
  13. Prepare a letter (see sample) that is specific to your church.
    - Send it to the chair of your missions committee and/or chair of the deacons.
    - Follow up with a phone call.
  14. Pray each day that God will move those who receive the packet to support you in prayer and finances.
  15. Prior to going, announce to your church that you are going and ask for prayers.
  16. After your SERVE experience, communicate with those who supported you.
    - Write a letter to the 50, whether or not they provided financial support and
      - Let them know what happened.
      - Share your excitement.
      - Include a picture or two.
    - Prepare a report to your church. Depending upon your church, there are different options to share about your experience:
      - Short verbal presentation during a church service.
      - PowerPoint presentation.
      - Letter.