

Beach Reach Fundraising Instructions

1. Pray – First of all, pray for God to provide for this trip that He’s called you to. He’s so faithful and will most certainly provide! Second, pray about how much you can give of your own money. For some of you, that’s all \$400 and for some of you that’s \$50 or some other amount. It’s important that we give sacrificially of our own resources as well.
2. If you haven’t already, talk to your church. Whoever you're most comfortable approaching, whether it’s your youth minister, pastor, or missions committee...talk to them about your trip and ask if the church would be willing to help provide for your trip. I guarantee they will be excited to hear about your opportunity and willingness to go. Even if they can’t provide financially, ask them to be praying for you and the team.
3. Brainstorm with your parents about friends and family that you could send a support letter to. Gather names and addresses and start working on letters. It’s preferable for you to use the template I’ve provided, but not mandatory.
4. Letter writing instructions:
 - a. You need to print a unique letter for each person you are sending the letter to. That way you can address them personally (“Dear Grandpa” or “Dear Aunt Judy”) and then write a personal greeting.
 - b. You can tweak the wording of the letter as you see fit or write your own. If you decide to write your own, be sure to include how much the trip costs, that you are asking for financial support, and to make checks out to the BSM. The contribution is only tax deductible if the check is written to the BSM.
 - c. Sign the letter with a pen.
 - d. Include a return envelope that is already stamped and has the BSM’s address on it. I’ll provide these for you.
 - e. The BSM will provide envelopes and stamps for anyone that sends out support letters.
 - f. Letters need to be sent out by the end of next week.
5. There is a limited amount of scholarship money available for Beach Reach that will be used to assist those who need it.
6. Talking to your church and sending out support letters are usually the most productive fundraising efforts we’ve used. If you feel that additional fundraising is needed to raise your funds, there are some other fundraisers we can consider.