

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER



Everyone needs to eat so why not use this to your advantage and set-up a fundraiser that entails pancakes! While a good chili or spaghetti feed would be awesome too, dinner ingredients tend to be a bit higher than breakfast and the cost of a fundraiser is always something you should consider before deciding on anything!

The biggest hurdle you will need to overcome for this fundraiser is finding a venue. A local hall or your church would be a great place to start. In addition, you will need to check into the rules for food handlers and begin recruiting volunteers to serve your guests. For example, a typical fundraiser will need cooks, bus people, set-up and clean-up crew, and hosts. If the fundraiser runs for more than four hours, you usually need to use at least two shifts. You should also consider having some additional fundraising activities. A tip/donation jar at the end of the buffet line is a great idea as well as having a small silent auction or a raffle.

Advertising will also be key to a successful feed. Spread the word on facebook, craigslist, your blog/website, etc. Send out evites to friends. Put up flyers around town and signboards if you have them available (These are easy to build too and we have used them for a lot of different

fundraisers! Just staple on different poster boards for different events.) Advertising during your event will also be helpful. Make up a banner that reflects your purpose i.e., Smith Adoption Fundraiser. Have pictures around of the child you have been matched with (if available) or of the country you are adopting from and where you are in the process.

I know this question is probably burning in your mind: *What do we charge for this pancake breakfast?* Some have suggested that simply asking for donations and having a jar labeled with a minimum of \$5 or so, works, while others ask for a specific amount and tips. In this instance, you would want to keep the tickets low, for example keep them about the same as how much one might spend in town at a local restaurant for a pancake breakfast. Remember, to charge a lower price for children as well. A good plan is about \$5 for an adult and \$3 for kids under 10.