“Help us make a difference in one child’s life, and we change that child’s world. Help us make a difference in many children’s lives, and we change our world.”

- Joe DiDonato, The Orphan Foundation

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Kids4Kids Project

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Micro-Fundraising Projects

These projects help The Orphan Foundation’s mission by providing the funding necessary for the various programs that the foundation runs. You will be given the title of “Student Director” for The Orphan Foundation. If you get 2 others to join you, you will be given the title of “Student Executive Director” for The Orphan Foundation. Order your name badge by clicking on one of the following links: Student Director or Student Executive Director. Email: Volunteer@TheOrphanFoundation.org for instructions on how to send money to the foundation. Resources: Download The Orphan Foundation logo, heart icon, and/or picture of hugging orphans.

- Allowance Competition: Get your brother, sister or friends to save up their allowance in a month or longer to donate to The Orphan Foundation. See who can save the most money. Celebrate by seeing a movie or getting ice cream.

- Apple Harvest Fair: Include activities like bobbing for apples, cider donut eating contest, apple pie judging contest, etc. Have apple cider, apple pie, cider donuts for sale. Ask for donations to attend the event.

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• **Auction**: Ask local businesses to donate goods and services. Ask individuals to donate antiques, collectibles and other items of value.

• **Bake Sale, Crafts Sale, or Rummage Sale**: Bake, design or just clean out those closets and hold a sale at your school, place of worship, home or community center. Ask students and teachers to donate books and other things around their houses that they don’t need anymore, and sell these second-hand items at cheap prices. (Ask a donut shop to donate doughnuts and sell them at school, work or in the teacher’s lounge.)

• **Barbeque Party**: Sell tickets to friends to come over for a barbeque

• **Beverage/Food Stand**: Sell lemonade, hot dogs, or beverages at your next school athletic event.

• **Book of Poems/Prose**: Have your class write stories or poems about their favorite subject (animals, sports, nature, traveling, etc.) and sell the compilation to your family and friends for donations.

• **Candy Sale**: Tell local supermarkets you are raising money for The Orphan Foundation and ask them to donate candy or sell it at a discounted price. Set up a booth at school at lunch and sell the candy to your classmates and teachers.

• **Candy/Balloon/Lollipop Bouquet-Grams**: Ask a local supermarket to donate or sell at a discounted price, candy for making little candy bundles. Sell the candy bundles to classmates who can write a message on a piece of paper attached to the bundle and have it delivered to another student during class. Balloons or lollipop bouquets can be used as well.

• **Car Wash**: Ask a local business or the school if you can use their parking lot and water supply to host a car wash.

• **Coloring/Design Contest**: Get kids to design their own holiday cards, t-shirts or costumes. Get local businesses to make donations and select the winner. The winning kid’s design will be featured in local businesses, the town newspaper and the winner gets to put their name on the The Orphan Foundation donation and appear on the foundation’s TV show, if time and travel permits.

• **Community Town Hall Event**: Host an event where you show the videos from our website to your faith-based organization, school, neighbors or family members. Watch the movies and then have a talk on how that makes you feel and what your community can do to help The Orphan Foundation. Collect donations at the end of the event.

• **Dance-a-thon**: Ask a local supermarket to donate refreshments. Consider charging entry or spectator fees.
• **Fountain Donations:** Contact your local mall and ask for a donation of all the coins tossed into fountains during a month.

• **Garage Sale:** Run a garage sale at your home and donate a portion of your proceeds.

• **Good Deed-a-thon:** Perform chores around your house or help a neighbor mow the lawn for donations.

• **Greeting cards, posters or calendars:** Design your own gift cards, posters, or calendars and sell them to local stores to display in their windows or to your friends and families to use at home.

• **Harvest-Fest Family Fundraiser:** Include activities like pumpkin painting, face painting, guessing the weight and circumference of a pumpkin, or guessing the number of kernels on a cob. Charge admission to the event.

• **Haunted House:** Choose a safe site, like a school gym or community recreation center, and fill it with volunteer monsters and goblins. With darkened rooms, sound effects and a little acting talent, you’re sure to scare up a big donation!

• **Help a Neighbor:** Do a project for a neighbor for a donation.

• **Home Movies:** Sell tickets to friends to come over to watch a movie at your house.

• **House Party:** Sell tickets to friends to come over for a party for The Orphan Foundation.

• **Ice-Cream Social:** Throw an ice-cream social party at school, at home, or at a local ice cream parlor. Ask everyone to donate to attend and make ice-cream sundaes together.

• **Jump-a-thon:** (This is a wonderful activity for little kids) Ask your family, friends and neighbors to donate money for every minute that you hop or jump.

• **Lawn Mowing Party:** Get a group of friends and mow neighbors lawns for donations.

• **Mentor:** Speak to younger students about The Orphan Foundation and encourage them to participate in their own micro-fundraiser.

• **Miniature Golf Tournament:** Construct a course on the football field or in the school hallways or at your business. Charge spectator fees and charge higher price to play.
• **Multi-Cultural Festival**: Have different students demonstrate the dancing, food, music, artwork, etc. of different countries in your school gymnasium or assembly room and charge admission fees.

• **Pancake Breakfast/ Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**: Hold a pancake breakfast or spaghetti dinner event at your local faith based organization, community group or school. You can even combine this with a talent show, concert, dance performance, etc. Sell tickets in advance or collect donations at the door.

• **Penny War**: Kids place giant buckets or empty water cooler bottles in each classroom. The class who has the most pennies at the end of the "war" wins. The kick is that so many pennies are deducted from the class total per nickel, dime, quarter, and dollar. Kids from other classes can stick $10 bills in the class with the most pennies and essentially reduce their "war total" to nothing.

• **Practice-a-thon**: Have your parents and friends make a donation for every hour that you practice your flute, saxophone, piano, etc.

• **Raffle**: Fill a jar with cookies or candies, and sell chances to guess the number of goodies in the jar.

• **Read-a-thon**: For every book you read, have your parents, friends and neighbors make a donation.

• **Rivals**: Challenge your rival school or another class to raise more funds than you. Hold a pep rally or assembly with both schools/classes where the winner is announced.

• **Small Business Fundraiser**: Ask your local business if they will dedicate one day to support The Orphan Foundation in a specific month. Ask them to donate all or a portion of the proceeds of their sales that day to The Orphan Foundation, or alternatively, the tips and donations collected from the day.

• **Sporting Event**: Organize a competitive softball game, basketball game, tennis match, etc. where participants pay to play or pay to watch.

• **Stores/Supermarket Donations**: Ask local merchants if you can place handmade donation boxes for The Orphan Foundation by the cash registers where customers can drop their change. Go by the stores after the event and pick up the boxes to make the donations.

• **Trick-or-Treat for The Orphan Foundation Halloween Party**: Invite all your friends and family over for a Halloween party or have the party at school. Dress up in your favorite costume and vote for the best costume! Bring snacks and goodies to the event and ask your classmates, teachers and parents for donations.
- Talent Show: Invite your schools musicians, performers, dancers, singers, actors, etc. to demonstrate their skills. Consider charging admission fees.

- Waiter Person for a Day: Ask a local restaurant to let you and your friends be waiters and waitresses for a day so that you can donate tips to The Orphan Foundation.

- Walk/Run-a-thon: Ask for donations for each lap, mile or hour that you walk/run. Make sure you have volunteers to help keep you hydrated.

Awareness Projects

These projects should inspire people to get involved with The Orphan Foundation’s mission, as well as encourage families to adopt an orphan or foster care child. You will be given the title of “Pass It On Student Director” for The Orphan Foundation. If you get 2 others to join you, you will be given the title of “Pass It On Student Executive Director” for The Orphan Foundation. Order your name badge by clicking on one of the following links: Student Director or Student Executive Director.

- Write a story about the orphan crisis for your local or school newspaper - Resources: The Orphan Crisis summary from The Orphan Foundation;

- Write a story for your local or school newspaper about a family that has adopted a child from another country - Resources: Great Adoption Stories from The Orphan Foundation;

- Write a story for your local or school newspaper about a family that has adopted a “special needs” child from another country - Resources: Great Adoption Stories from The Orphan Foundation;

- Write a story for your local or school newspaper about an orphanage - Resources: orphanage videos from The Orphan Foundation;

- Write a story for your local or school newspaper about the process of adoption - Resources: A Simple Guide to Adoption from The Orphan Foundation; Agency Directory from The Orphan Foundation; Adoption Glossary from The Orphan Foundation; and Sources of Grants and Loans from The Orphan Foundation;

Volunteer Projects

These projects should inspire people to get involved with The Orphan Foundation’s mission, as well as help with the foundation’s missions and projects. You will be given the title of “Pass It On Student Director” for The
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- Help the foundation with its Chefs for Cherubs dining-out project that helps us raise monies for The Orphan Foundation’s mission. You can help by contacting a local restaurant in your area and asking them to participate in the event. The foundation will provide you with the information that you can give to a restaurant when asking for their participation. Resources: Contact Sandy or Michelle at (877) 4-1-ORPHAN (877-416-7742);

- Help the foundation by managing one donation box at a high-traffic store, gas station, or other business. This requires you to check on the boxes every 2 weeks, collect the money, and replace the box after it’s emptied. Resources: go to our “Volunteer” page at www.TheOrphanFoundation.org and fill out the Volunteer form provided;

- Sign up to help with any of the various volunteer opportunities you see on the Volunteer page of the foundation’s website. Resources: go to our “Volunteer” page at www.TheOrphanFoundation.org and fill out the Volunteer form provided.

Ready to get started!?! Please fill out the application on the next page and then send it to us as follow:

Email: Kids4Kids@TheOrphanFoundation.org

Mail: The Orphan Foundation
503 Silver Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Student Name: __________________________ Age: __________
Address: ____________________________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: _____ Zip: __________
School: __________________________ Grade: __________
Email: __________________________ Telephone: (___) _________
Project Type: ☐ Micro-Fundraiser Project; ☐ Awareness Project ☐ Volunteer Project
Parent’s Permission: __________________________ Date: __________
(Signature)
Are you doing this for community credit hours? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Brief Description of the Project:

Goals of the Project:

Names of Other Students Involved (Note: Other students must submit an application with their parent’s signature):

Name: __________________________ Grade: __________
Name: __________________________ Grade: __________

I agree to represent The Orphan Foundation and the Kids4Kids Project in the highest spirit of community service. I agree to be kind when performing my work on this project, and to never violate school or community laws and rules.

Student’s Pledge: __________________________ Date: __________
(Signature)