



County Fundraising Ideas – Businesses

Many local businesses will donate goods or funds to local non-profit organizations.

Check with the store manager to discover if their store has a donation policy. Stores like Wal-Mart, Target and others will only respond to requests from local organizations.

Approach the store manager with specific information such as the date of an upcoming event for which you would like donated goods, or a request for a community project support. Please be aware that some businesses may take up to three to four months to process your request.

Always remember to provide appropriate donor recognition and acknowledgment. By developing a relationship with your local business, you put yourself in a better position to receive funds or goods in the future.

Be sure to check with your county 4-H Youth Development Program office for specifics on accepting goods from donors and the correct way to record and acknowledge such in-kind gifts.

To help you find the businesses that are located in your community, we've included instructions on how to look up and find your local chamber of commerce using the Internet. Your local chamber of commerce is a great resource because they often post a compiled list of their members (mostly businesses) on their Website along with the businesses' contact information. If the chamber doesn't have a Website, or does not list their members, call and ask them to mail you a copy of their membership directory.

Instructions for looking up your local chamber of commerce:

Using your web browser, type in the web address for the California Chamber of Commerce - <http://www.calchamber.com>

Once you get to their home page, look on the left-hand side for the link labeled "local chambers." Click on that link.

You should now be on a page titled "Business Resources." Look down the middle of the page until you find two links labeled "Alphabetical List", and "List by County." Using these links, you will be able to find your local chamber of commerce by name, or be able to find all the chambers of commerce located in your county.

Good luck with your fundraiser!