

A to Z of Ways to help Cecily's Fund:

- Africa:** Hold an African-themed dinner party or fashion show.
- Auction:** Ask friends, local businesses, even local celebrities to donate things (or experiences) to be auctioned. Have a 'silent auction' where people write their bids down during an evening get-together, or a noisy one where the thrill of the bidding rings in everyone's ears! Or do it on eBay and get thousands of potential bidders around the world!
- Balls:** Organise a charity ball. A glittering evening of dancing and dining – with the knowledge that money raised is going to help many orphans and vulnerable children to go to school adding to the enjoyment.
- Bands:** Play in pubs, clubs, on the streets (see 'busk'), at weddings or parties and give all or part of ticket price as donations. Or do a collection during the set.
- Birthdays:** Ask for donations to Cecily's Fund instead of presents. People are especially generous if it's a special birthday like your 21st, 50th, 60th or 100th!
- Births:** Celebrate the birth of your child by helping other children who face a life without parents or a life of extreme poverty to have hope for the future. Make a donation to Cecily's Fund in your new baby's name, or ask friends and relatives to make donations instead of buying (yet another) teddy bear for the baby!
- Busk:** Talk to your local council about legal places to busk. Make beautiful music for passers-by with a sign up saying all contributions will go to Cecily's Fund. Contact us for a poster, photographs and leaflets.
- Challenges:** There's a whole range of exciting challenges you can take part in to raise money for Cecily's Fund and have an experience you will never forget – from Mongolian horse-trekking to sky-diving! Check our website or contact us directly for more information.
- Celebrities:** Do you know a celebrity – or are you one yourself?! Get in touch with us to talk about ways you or your friend can help raise Cecily's Fund's profile and so attract more supporters. Celebrities can do a publicity stunts, offer a personal possession

- or their presence at a meal - as an auction prize, or go on an awareness raising trip to our programmes in Zambia.

Climb: A mountain or a wall....

Coffee morning:

Invite your friends round for a fundraising coffee morning, tell them about Cecily's Fund's work and ask them to make a donation – or to pay for their coffee and cakes with the takings going to Cecily's Fund. Check our website or contact us for leaflets and posters you can use.

Cycle: From London to Paris, from Land's End to John O'Groats and raise sponsorship for Cecily's Fund – and the undying admiration of your friends!

Christmas presents:

Do you really want or need all those knick-knacks and toiletries? Ask for donations to Cecily's Fund instead of presents

Christmas fair:

If you've got an organisational flair, you could raise lots of money by putting on a Christmas Fair. Contact us for guidelines, tips and ideas.

Donate:

Want to support Cecily's Fund but can't see the point in all this frantic activity? Then simply send us a donation! Go to our website to see how – don't forget to tick the gift aid box so that we can claim the tax on your donation and increase its value by 28p in each £1 at no extra cost to you. Better still set up a standing order - by giving regularly to Cecily's Fund, you help us plan securely for the future of the children we are supporting. We commit ourselves to supporting each child we take on right through to the end of their school careers, sometimes even beyond school to teacher training.

Or donate in-kind, any money that we save from using donated equipment, stationery etc in the office can be spent on our programmes instead. Does your company have used computers it no longer needs? Or do you have something valuable or interesting you could donate as a prize for an auction or raffle? Or smaller things you could donate to someone running a bring and buy stall? Almost anything you can spare can be turned into cash which can be turned into the support our orphans and vulnerable children need to get them to school.

Dress down/up day:

Ask your school or office if you can organise a 'dress down day' – where people get to pay £1 to Cecily's Fund and wear casual

clothes for a day. Or they could dress up to the nines instead, tiaras optional!

Dance/Disco: Hold a dance for all your friends and donate the ticket money to Cecily's fund

Events: Organise a fundraising event, a ball, a stall, a coffee morning...

Entertain: Your friends in any way you can think of and ask them for a donation on the occasion

E-Bay: Turn unwanted possessions into desperately needed equipment and fees for education by selling them on e-bay using Mission Fish <http://www.missionfish.org>.

Exhibit: Drawings, crafts, sculpture, photography, prize vegetables, flower arrangements...

Funerals: Ask people to donate to Cecily's Fund instead of sending flowers. Flowers last a few days, education lasts a lifetime. Teacher and Peer Health Educator training spreads the benefits of education even further.

Fancy Dress: Dress up for a party or a fundraising raid on your local high-street. Contact us first to get your collecting tins and tips.

Fast: for 24-hours.... and get sponsored. But please do this responsibly and check with your GP that it is safe for you to do so.

Gift Aid: Every donation you make – and indeed every donation you've made in since 2002 can be made to work harder if you agree to 'gift aid' it. The government will give the tax you would have paid on the donation direct to Cecily's Fund – worth 28p for every pound! It's money for nothing!

Give As You Earn:

GAYE is an easy and tax efficient way for employees and pensioners who are paid through PAYE to give regularly to their chosen charity. Ask your employer to sign up to it and nominate Cecily's Fund as the beneficiary (or one of the beneficiaries). For more information see the Charities Aid Foundation website: <http://www.cafonline.org/default.aspx?page=7035>

Gift Card: Buy someone the gift from our on-line shop <http://www.cecilysfund.org/shop.html> or send a cheque made out to Cecily's Fund to the address below and tell us which card you would like to buy.

- Help:** Come and help us in the office, help run one of our big annual events – the Opera and the annual Cecily’s Day picnic, help your friends put on fundraising events.
- Or you could help someone with a big job in exchange for a donation to Cecily’s Fund – clear out their garage/attic, wash their car, paint their house... the possibilities are endless!
- Hugs:** Sell them at the village fete or summer fair!
- Ideas!** Contact us if you can come up with any more ideas for fun and fundraising combined!
- Jumble sale** Have a clear-out and turn all those hidden treasures into funds for Cecily’s Fund.
- Jump:** Out of an aeroplane!! Raise sponsorship for Cecily’s Fund and have the experience of a lifetime!
- Karaoke:** Hold a karaoke evening and charge people to participate – offer a prize for the best (or worst!) singer.
- Kick:** Hold a 5-a-side football match and donate the ticket money to Cecily’s Fund. If you can persuade a celebrity to take part you’ll get an even bigger audience!
- Links:** Put us in touch with your church, school, university, employer, women’s group or any other organisation which you think might like to support our work.
- Legacies:** When making your will, might you be able to leave something to Cecily’s Fund? Your support for the orphans and vulnerable children can extend beyond your own life and give these children hope for the difficult lives ahead of them.
- Matched giving:**
Did you know that many employers will match whatever you’ve raised or donated to charity? So if you’ve raised £100 running a stall, your employers may match this and also donate £100 – doubling the value of your fundraising for Cecily’s Fund!
- Memorials:** Cecily’s Fund was set up in memory of Cecily who died aged 19 whilst volunteering with AIDS orphans in Zambia. Making a donation to Cecily’s Fund is a beautiful and positive way to celebrate the life of your loved one by giving a future to orphaned and vulnerable children of Zambia.
- News:** Tell your local newspaper, radio and television stations about your fundraising activity and about Cecily’s Fund’s work. Check our website for advice on how to write a press release.

Odd jobs: Go round the neighbourhood asking people if they'd like odd jobs done in exchange for a donation to Cecily's Fund. Washing cars, weeding the garden, walking the dog, tidying out the garden shed, painting the fence – there are endless possibilities! Make sure you have some of our leaflets with you and a letter from us proving that you are collecting on our behalf.

Opera: Come to Cecily's Fund's annual opera and champagne dinner in June. An unforgettable evening of fine music, food and wine in a gracious Oxfordshire setting – and the cost of your ticket goes directly to supporting Cecily's Fund's work in Zambia. Check the Cecily's Fund website for details.

Play: In a table-tennis or chess championship or put on a play....

Press: Tell the local press and other media about your fundraising event or challenge and about Cecily's Fund. Contact us for advice on how to write a press release.

Do you have contacts in the media who may be interested in featuring Cecily's Fund's work or supporters' activities in their publications? Put them in touch with us!

Quiz: Hold a quiz in your local pub, school, social club etc. Contact us for some suggested questions and answers about Zambia, AIDS, education and more.

Raffles: Get friends, local businesses and even local celebrities to donate things (or experiences) to be raffled. Buy a pack of cloak-room tickets, and sell them at work, school, uni, or at your village fete or summer festival.

Run: There are lots of big, organised runs you can do to raise sponsorship and set yourself a personal speed and fitness challenge – marathons, half-marathons, fun-runs etc. Or you can set your own challenge and raise sponsorship through the Justgiving website - <http://www.justgiving.com>.

Rap: Have a sponsored rapping session, or have a rap evening in a pub and charge people to perform 'open mike' sessions

Sponsor: If you don't fancy getting all sweaty or making a fool of yourself to raise money for Cecily's Fund, but still want to help - sponsor someone else. Look up Cecily's Fund on the Justgiving website and choose from the many supporters running, walking, hitch-hiking and more for Cecily's Fund.

Or you could ask put you company in touch with us to discuss corporate sponsorship – they may want to make us their 'charity

of the year' or buy a corporate table at our elegant and sumptuous annual opera. Contact Helen Cox on Helen@cecilyfund.org for more information.

Standing order:

By giving regularly to Cecily's Fund, you help us plan securely for the future of the children we are supporting. We commit ourselves to supporting each child we take on right through to the end of their school careers, sometimes even beyond school to teacher training. Gift aid it as well and you will help add another 28p for every pound you give, at no extra cost to you.

Stalls:

Have a stall at your village fete or summer festival. Get your friends to bake cakes, make jam, give you surplus plants and veggies from their allotments to sell. Contact us for Cecily's Fund information and dressings for your stall, plus tips and ideas for how to make the most money out of your stall as well as having a really fun day out.

Trekking:

On a pony in Mongolia or on Shanks' Pony through wild countryside anywhere. Get sponsored per mile (it looks less but probably raises more!) or a lump sum for the whole lot. Check our website for advice on routes, equipment and tips for getting sponsorship.

University:

Put the Rag committee at your (or your son or daughter's) university in touch with us to see if they'd like to make Cecily's Fund their beneficiary this year.

Village fete:

Suggest to the committee that organises your annual village fete that part of the money raised should be donated to Cecily's Fund. Or have a stall at the fete – either selling something (home-made cakes, jam, plants, vegetables, second hand books, clothes, ornaments, crafts etc) or a game for people to play; how about fishing for shoes (reminding people that part of the money raised goes towards buying school shoes for orphans and vulnerable children)?

Volunteer:

If you have some time to spare – no matter how little or how much – there are many ways you can support Cecily's Fund's work. Help out in the office, help run big annual events like the Opera or the Cecily's Day picnic, help with street collections and lots more. We could train you to become a Cecily's Fund communicator – giving talks about HIV, Zambia and Cecily's Fund at schools, churches and universities. Graduates and school leavers will gain valuable work experience.

If you have a special skill in computers, databases, design, fundraising, governance, publicity, health, education,

development, legal matters etc, which you think we may benefit from we would be particularly glad to hear from you.

- Walk:** Do a sponsored walk. Britain is full of beautiful countryside to walk through, some of it can be quite a challenge – especially if you incorporate a mountain or two! Walk along historic routes like the Chiltern Way or the Downs Way, follow a river – walk the Thames path. Use the Justgiving website to ask people to sponsor you per mile or for the whole lot.
- Websites:** Ask your employers, school, university etc to put a link to Cecily's Fund from their website.
- Weddings:** Ask for donations to Cecily's Fund instead of wedding presents.
- X-treme sports:**
Sponsored bungee jumping, sky-diving, rapids-shooting – who dares wins lots of sponsorship for Cecily's Fund!
- Xylophone:** Put on a Xylophone concert – ask people to sponsor you for Cecily's Fund to stop playing!!
- Yogathon:** Do a sponsored yoga-thon – see how many hours you can keep those poses up!
- Zambia:** Hold a Zambian-themed dinner party or fashion show. Contact us for advice on how to go about it, complete with recipes and designs for table settings for dinner parties, and where to get Zambian textiles for fashion shows!
- Zambia:** Do a sponsored overland trek to Zambia! Contact us for advice on planning it, and to get advice on how to get sponsorship and make the most of the publicity opportunities.
- Zoo:** Organise a petting zoo. Speak with local farmers and neighbours to see if they will bring along tame animals, sheep, rabbits, hens, donkeys, etc.