

Table of Thanks: How to Make Your Fundraiser a Success

Our world is comprised of many people with unique languages, foods and cultures. Our connection as members of one human family is a blessing. **Catholic Relief Services' Table of Thanks** invites you to join in our mission to serve our sisters and brothers in need by celebrating the gifts we find in our communities and witnessing the gifts found in communities around the world.

Creatively Engage Your Community

Think about how you can best inspire your community to join in CRS' mission to build a better world for all people.

Family and Friends: Gather together and learn about the different ways CRS helps people around the world to have tables full of healthy food. Consider using a recipe from the [CRS Rice Bowl recipe archive](#). Donate the cost of your meal to CRS to help everyone live strong and healthy lives.

Invite faraway friends and family by sharing the link, setting up a meal via Zoom and encouraging them to help meet your fundraising goal. Celebrate Friendsgiving, Thanksgiving or another day of grateful gathering by focusing on the true sentiment sharing your blessings with your global family. Invite your loved ones to join you in ensuring that all people have a full table by donating to CRS.

School: Fundraising is an opportunity for education as well as participation in CRS' mission. Many schools share similar foundational charisms and principles with CRS. Help your students connect to your school's values while broadening their global understanding by building connections to CRS' mission and work.

Invite students to learn about the different ways people gather and celebrate. Students can share their own abundance to fill tables around the world by donating to lifesaving gifts* like:

- Fruit Trees: \$14 per tree.
- Training for a Farmer: \$16 per farmer trained.
- A household garden for one family: \$150.

Make lunchtime a Table of Thanks experience by offering a special meal, the proceeds of which are donated to CRS. Place information at lunch tables to educate students about the realities of global hunger and the way leaders in local communities around the world are working to ensure all people have nutritious food.

Community: Pick your celebration and invite partygoers to donate at the door or on your online giving page in advance. Make it a multicultural feast by inviting everyone to bring potluck dishes from their own backgrounds or use the [CRS Rice Bowl recipe archive](#) for dishes from different countries.

Advent: Use *CRS' Advent Giving Tree* resource to mobilize your community this Advent.

Access the [Fundraising Toolkit](#) for more guidance on how to mobilize your community to support the lifesaving work of CRS.

** These items represent actual products in the field. They help farmers, families and communities ensure healthy harvests and build sustainable agricultural practices.*