**SMALL AMOUNTS BIG REWARDS**

FUNDRAISING FOR YOUR PROGRAM

1. Fundraise online with gofundme.com or fundmytravel.com.
2. Send letters or emails to friends and family.
3. Sell custom items like t-shirts or calendars that people can pre-order, try booster.com.
4. Have a yard sale! Bake sale! Garage sale!
5. Offer to take promotional pics or videos for a local business while abroad in exchange for funds.
6. Organize a dinner party or percent night at a local restaurant.

**need more ideas?**

Contact clubs, organizations or churches in your hometown. In exchange for a donation, offer to do a presentation upon your return.

Newspapers or radio stations in your hometown may be willing to contribute if you offer to write articles or do podcasts while abroad.

Create cookbooks with your favorite recipes and sell them. Cooking not your thing? Create anything you're good at and sell it!

**tips/suggestions**

From your mom’s co-workers to your uncle’s golf buddies... Use your network and others!

How will you give back? Writing a blog and sending updates from abroad is just one great way to keep contributors engaged.

People don’t want to donate to a vacation. Make sure you always tell people how your program will impact you academically and professionally.

BE CREATIVE! Google is your friend. Do not be afraid to think outside of the box for innovative ideas.
Dear Uncle Phil,

As you know, for the past few years I’ve been studying psychology and Spanish at the University of Kentucky. During this time, I’ve been able to broaden my horizons through a variety of classes and gain experience through lab research in my field. I am working hard to make sure that my education and activities prepare me for grad school and the job market.

In preparation, I have decided to enroll in an intensive Spanish language study abroad program in Argentina this fall. Not only will this program give me a real world Spanish language experience, I will even be able to earn credit towards my psychology degree. Psychology courses, in Spanish, will allow me to explore my field in a new context, from a fresh perspective.

Because only 14.8% of U.S. college students study abroad, I know this experience will serve me well into the future by setting me apart from my peers.

The total cost of this program, including my airline ticket and other expenses, comes to about $11,000. While I am able to use some of my normal financial aid, apply for scholarships, and tap into my savings, I will still come up short.

If you could contribute, any amount would be greatly appreciated. And to let you know your money is going to good use, I will happily send you updates while abroad!

Thanks so much for supporting my current, and future, goals!

- John