

Dance-a-thon

A dance-a-thon is a fun way to raise money for global or local hunger. To add a special connection to the issue of hunger, some or all of the music played at the dance-a-thon can have a hunger/poverty/justice/world peace theme. Some examples of songs that fit this theme are:

- John Ondrasik- World
- U2 - One
- John Lennon- Imagine
- Dave Matthews Band- Cry Freedom
- Nickelback- If Everyone Cared
- John Mayer- Waiting On the World to Change
- Tracy Chapman- Talking About a Revolution
- Goo Goo Dolls- Better Days
- Ray Lamontagne- How Come
- Switchfoot- Meant to Live
- Switchfoot- American Dream
- Ben Harper- Better Way
- Sting -Children's Crusade
- Sting -History Will Teach Us Nothing
- Sting-They Dance Alone
- Cat Stevens - Peace Train

Youth can bring canned food as entry fees - the canned food can be donated to the local food bank. Youth also can get sponsors who pay them for every hour they dance. The funds raised can be donated to local food banks or to the World Food Programme. Added fun can be a raffle every hour where kids can win cool prizes donated by local businesses. Another idea is to have participating youth come dressed in attire that represents different cultures/ nationalities as a way to celebrate diversity and connection. Each hour youth can talk about the culture/nationality their attire represents and some facts they know about that culture/country. Some type of recognition award can be given to the youth who dressed up.

See this link for more information about planning a dance-a-thon:

<http://ezinearticles.com/?School-Fundraising---Plan-a-Dance-a-Thon&id=606363>