

Fundraising & Volunteering — How You Can Help Others

- Donate money made from selling products or services.
- Volunteer with an organization: help with mailings, answer phones, clean up, use computer skills to create brochures, perform data entry and word processing, or develop newsletters and websites.
- Create window decorations for a building.
- Help build a community project: house, playground, or park.
- Serve meals to those in need.
- Volunteer at an animal shelter.
- Raise a seeing eye dog.
- Donate clothes, toys, and household items to charitable organizations.
- Sell candy, magazines, fruit, pies, or catalog items for school or clubs.
- Get sponsorship for a charity event:
 - Walk-a-thon
 - Rock-a-thon
 - Jump Rope-a-thon
 - Running/Bike Race
- Work at a fundraiser event:
 - Pancake breakfast, spaghetti dinner, etc.
 - Car wash, bake sale, craft sale, etc.
- Collect items for a charity:
 - Penny drive (donate \$)
 - Food bank drive
 - School supply drive



Biz Kid\$ is the fun, fast-paced public TV series where kids teach kids about money and entrepreneurship.

Created for school-aged children, each weekly half-hour features several young business owners who share their success stories. Whether it's a skateboard designer, a candy store owner, or a hip-hop music producer, the kids on the series inspire young viewers to be smart with their money. Spoofs of movies make the series a hit with both kids and parents alike. Along the way, kids learn about saving, budgeting, investing, and giving back to the community.



Let's Go!

Quick Tips & Ideas
for Kids Who Want to Start
Their Own Businesses



The Public TV
Series Where
Kids Teach Kids
About Money



Starting a business is a great way for kids like you to gain skills, learn about money management, and have fun.

Get Started With These Basic Steps

- **Consider Your Interests** — Compile a list of skills you have or things you enjoy doing.
- **Set Goals** — What do you want to accomplish? You may be most effective if you work on setting your goals with a parent, teacher, or other trusted adult.
- **Ensure Your Safety** — Be sure to check with a responsible adult about the equipment required, the skills needed, and the people you could be meeting to be sure you will be safe.
- **Start Out Small** — Discuss your business idea with family and friends and learn from their reactions and feedback.
- **Market Your Idea** — Promote your business by talking to people about it and by advertising. Make a poster or flyer.
- **Evaluate Your Progress** — After a few weeks or months, determine if the business is making a profit. Ask yourself if your business is meeting the goals you set. For example, if your goal was to make money for a charity, have you done so?

Business Ideas — Services You Can Provide

- Take pictures of pets or kids.
- Tape videos of an event. (i.e. Family Reunion)
- Wrap gifts; decorate houses for the holidays.
- Teach computers or use computer skills for data entry, word processing, or for creating brochures, posters, and websites.
- Tutor or teach a skill. (i.e. Music lessons)
- Teach swimming or be a lifeguard.
- Babysit or be a parent's helper. (Babysit with the children's parents there.)
- Pet sit. Walk dogs. Wash dogs.
- Do laundry and put away clothes.
- House sit and plant sit.
- Clean or organize houses. Provide a cleaning service such as vacuuming and washing floors. Or organize garages, attics, closets, cabinets, etc.)
- Wash decks, houses, porches, windows, patios, and driveways.
- Run errands. Grocery shop, then carry and put away food.
- Deliver newspapers.
- Wash cars.
- Paint or stain houses, decks, rooms, fences, or furniture.
- Yard work: Mow lawns. Rake leaves. Garden. Shovel snow.
- Put out trash, recyclables and collect bins for neighbors.
- Assist a neighbor that needs help.
- Entertain: be a clown, musician, or magician at kids' birthday parties.
- Collect and return returnable bottles.

Business Ideas — Products You Can Sell

- Buy and sell used bikes or toys.
- Create a stand to sell lemonade, sodas, juice, food, and/or things from a garden such as flowers, fruit, vegetables, or worms for fishing.
- Sell items at a farmers' or public market.
- Design a product to sell.
- Sell items on an online auction (with adult assistance).
- Organize a yard sale.
- Sell clothes through a consignment shop.
- Sell used books, DVDs, or CDs to local stores or on an online site.
- Invest in penny stocks with an adult.
- Write a newsletter or magazine to sell.
- Make crafts or items to sell:
 - Greeting Cards
 - Jewelry
 - Decorations
 - Art Work
 - Pottery
 - Soap & Candles
 - Frames
 - Decorated T-Shirts/Hats
 - Starter Plants for the Garden
 - Bird Houses & Feeders
 - Baked Goods / Bake Sale
 - Baked Pet Foods
 - Homemade Candy

