How Do I Use GoFundMe?
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How does it work?
GoFundMe makes it incredibly easy to raise money online for the things that matter to you most. In less than a minute, you'll be able to personalize your fundraising campaign and share it with the people in your life. In fact, over $2 Billion has been raised by GoFundMe users just like you.
With GoFundMe, the money you collect goes directly to you. There are no deadlines or limits - each donation you receive is yours to keep. Raising money for yourself or a loved one has never been easier. Plus, we're here to help. GoFundMe will respond to your emails within 5 minutes during the day.

Is it safe?
Your GoFundMe campaign features the very best in secure payment encryption technology. Not only are your donors’ online payments safe, your money is stored securely until you're ready to request a withdrawal via electronic bank transfer. US accounts may also request a check.

How do I get my money?
Once your fundraising campaign begins receiving online donations, you can easily request a withdrawal at any time. Don't worry, withdrawing money does not affect the progress meter that's displayed on your GoFundMe campaign. Simply click the 'Withdraw' button inside your GoFundMe account and follow the on-screen instructions. You can withdraw your balance directly to your bank account. US users may also request a check.

How long do withdrawals take?
Most withdrawals take between 5 and 7 business days. You can choose between an electronic bank transfer or paper check delivery during the withdrawal process.

Does it cost anything?
While it's free to create and share your online fundraising campaign, GoFundMe will deduct a 5% fee from each donation that you receive. Since our fee is deducted automatically, you'll never need to worry about being billed or owing us any money. A small processing fee of about 3% will also be deducted from each donation. Please see Pricing & Fees for more info.

Can I keep my campaign private?
While you can choose to hide your campaign from appearing in GoFundMe’s Public Search Directory, anyone who has your GoFundMe campaign link will be able to access your campaign. There's no way to keep your campaign 100% private.
Step 1: Go to www.gofundme.com and click “Sign Up”

Step 2: Choose if you want to sign up through Facebook or email.
Step 3: I chose email, so it should come up like this. Facebook just fills all of this in for you.

Step 4: Enter your information.
Step 5: Enter your goal.
Step 6: Upload a photo or video. If you do not feel comfortable uploading a picture of yourself, feel free to use this youtube video of Parkway’s Erdkinders past. 
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hRVWUhsNKhc

Step 7: Tell your story. Here’s a sample script. You can use as much of it as you’d like, or change it. Just make sure you add in the personal parts so that it makes sense!

Hi, my name is ______________________, and I'm an eighth grader at Parkway Montessori Middle School. I'm raising money so that I can attend my school's fall camping trip called "Erdkinder." It is a tradition that all eighth grade students are encouraged to attend.

At Erdkinder, we will be able to:

· Camp out at YMCA Camp St. Croix, live in primitive cabins and prepare food in small groups.

· Prepare for and participate in seminar.

· Participate in Outdoor Crew Service, including tasks like weeding, transplanting, and learning about life and environmental science and biology.

· Participate in leadership activities including orienteering, archery, and group challenges.

· Participate in evening community building activities and individual reflection.

· Have fun with our entire 8th grade class!

All money has to be turned into my school by Monday, October 3, 2016.

It would mean a lot to me if you would donate because...

Thank you so much for donating!
(Your name)

Step 8: Add your Facebook photo if you’d like. Or skip it. Either or.
Step 9: Skip all the Facebook stuff/Twitter stuff if you’d like. It’s not necessary if you have the link, which you’ll receive in a moment.
Step 10: Verify your account. You’ll need a cell or home phone number.
Step 11: You’ll get an email. Confirm it.
Step 12: Follow the directions on the screen. You will need a social security number.
Step 13: You’re done! Awesome! Get that link out to people to start donating as soon as possible!