

How Do I Use GoFundMe?

From <https://gofundme.com/questions/>

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.

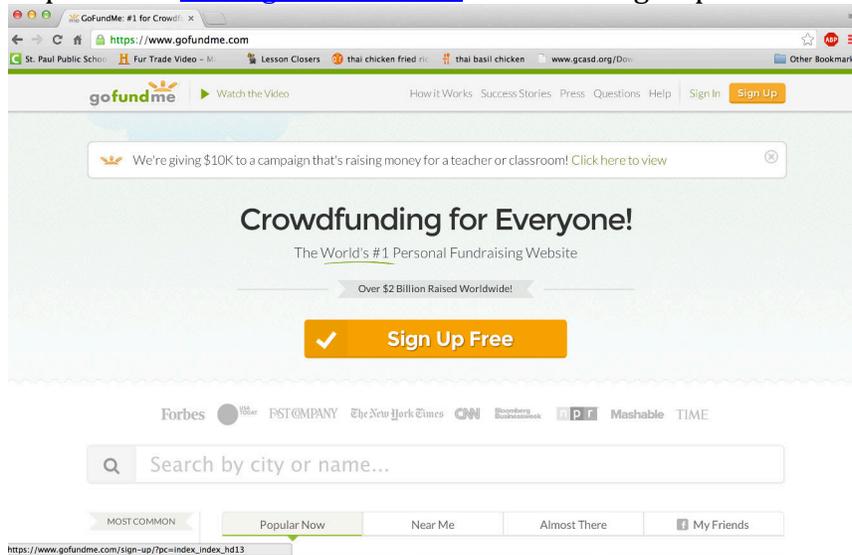
Does it cost anything?

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.

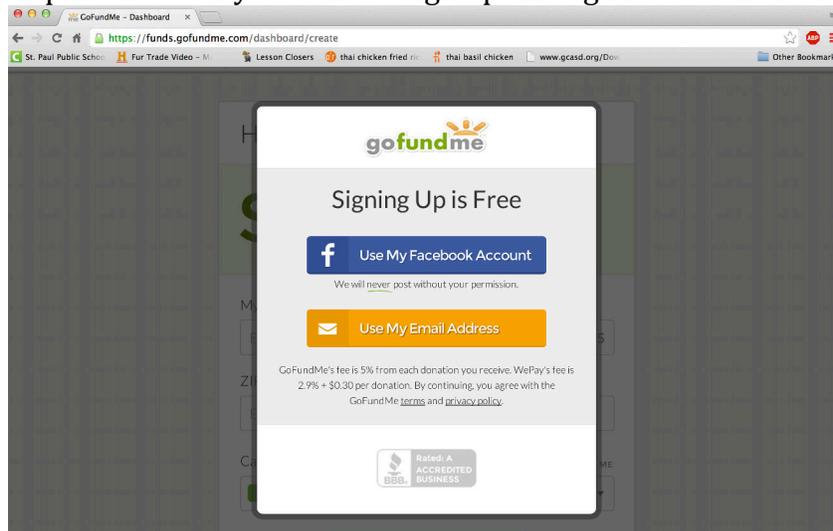
Can I keep my campaign private?

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.

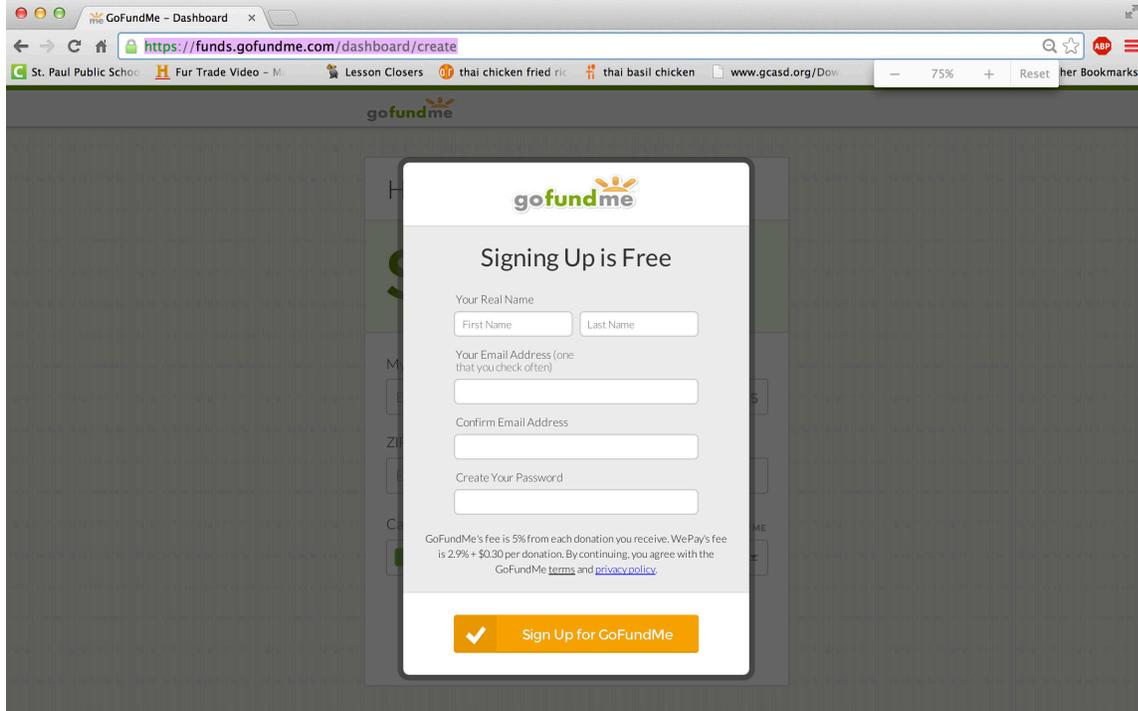
Step 1: Go to www.gofundme.com and click “Sign Up”



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.

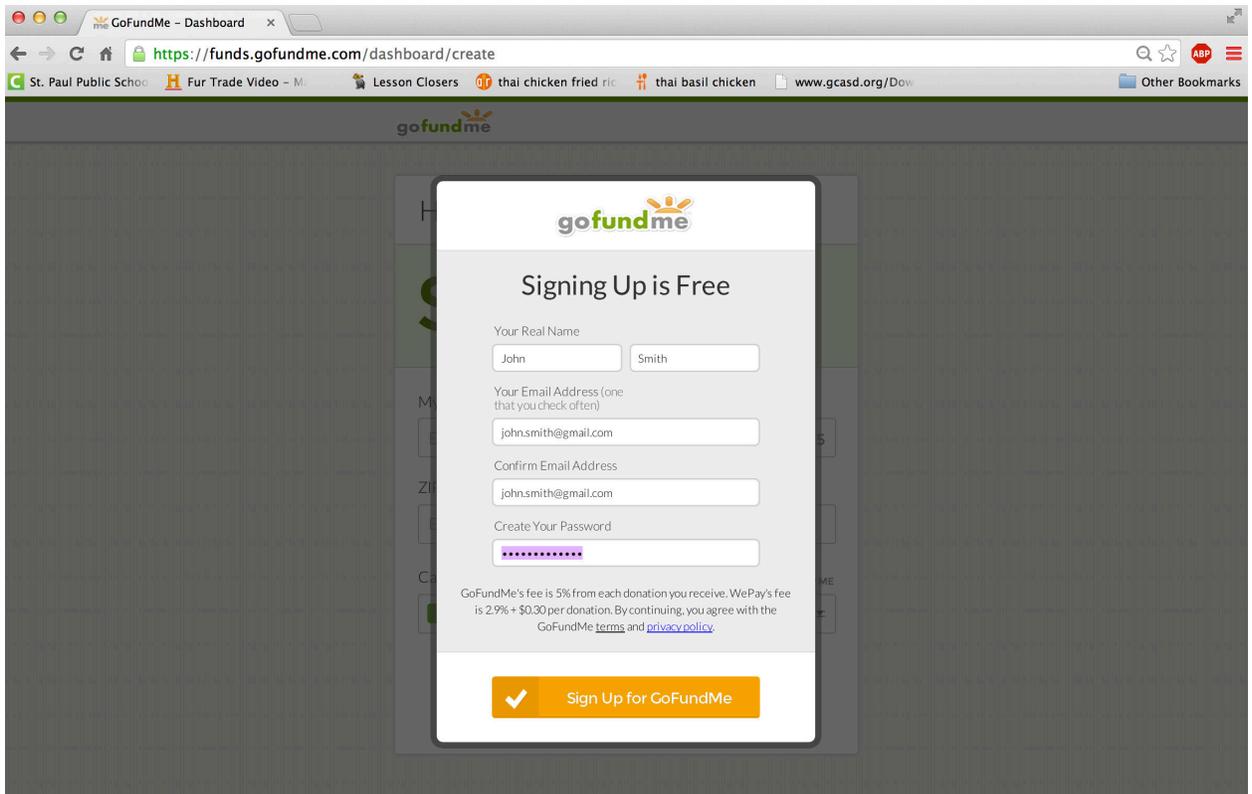


The image shows a web browser window with the GoFundMe sign-up form. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://funds.gofundme.com/dashboard/create>. The form is titled "Signing Up is Free" and includes the following fields:

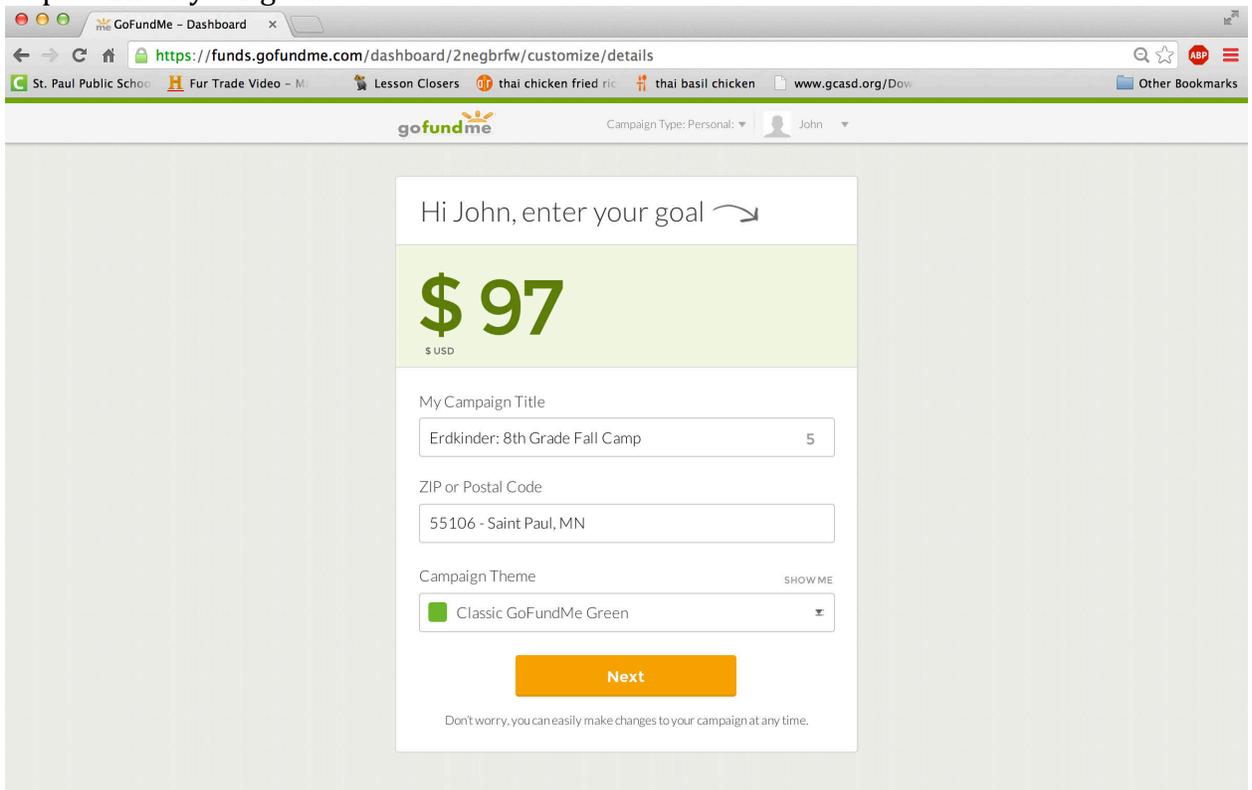
- Your Real Name: Two input fields for "First Name" and "Last Name".
- Your Email Address (one that you check often): One input field.
- Confirm Email Address: One input field.
- Create Your Password: One input field.

Below the form, there is a note: "GoFundMe's fee is 5% from each donation you receive. WePay's fee is 2.9% + \$0.30 per donation. By continuing, you agree with the GoFundMe [terms](#) and [privacy policy](#)." At the bottom of the form is a yellow button with a checkmark icon and the text "Sign Up for GoFundMe".

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)

GoFundMe - Dashboard

https://funds.gofundme.com/dashboard/2negbrfw/customize/description

St. Paul Public School Fur Trade Video - Mi Lesson Closers thai chicken fried rice thai basil chicken www.gcasd.org/Dow Other Bookmarks

gofundme John

Tell your story ↷

BOLD LINK PHOTO/VIDEO PREVIEW SAVE

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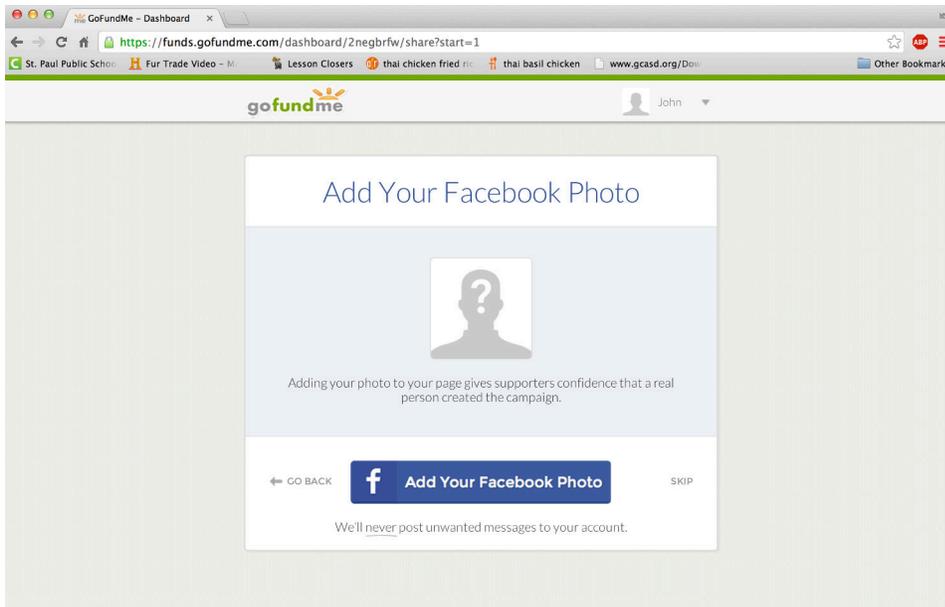
Campaigns that raise the most money clearly explain:

- ✓ Who you are
- ✓ Who (or what) you're raising money for
- ✓ How the money will be used
- ✓ How soon you need the funds
- ✓ Why this means so much to you
- ✓ How thankful you will be

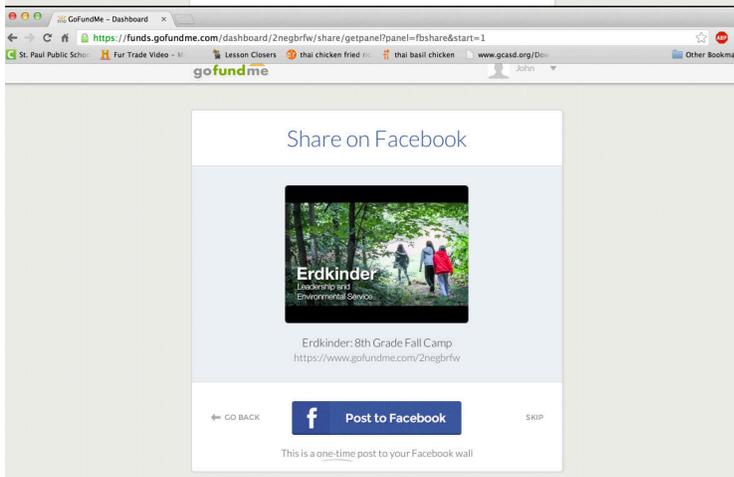
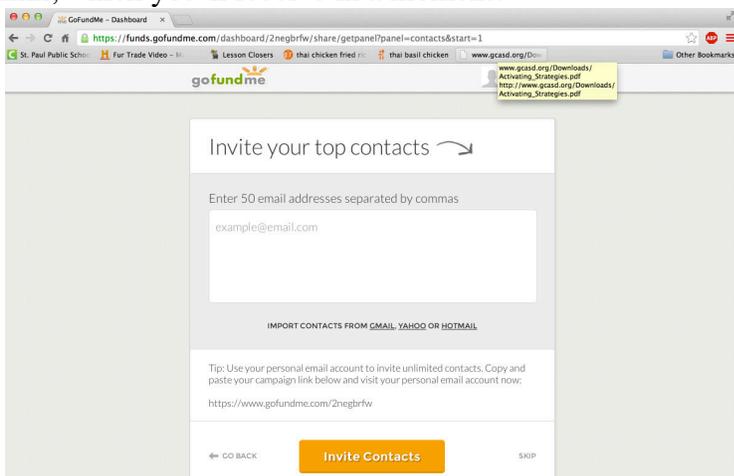
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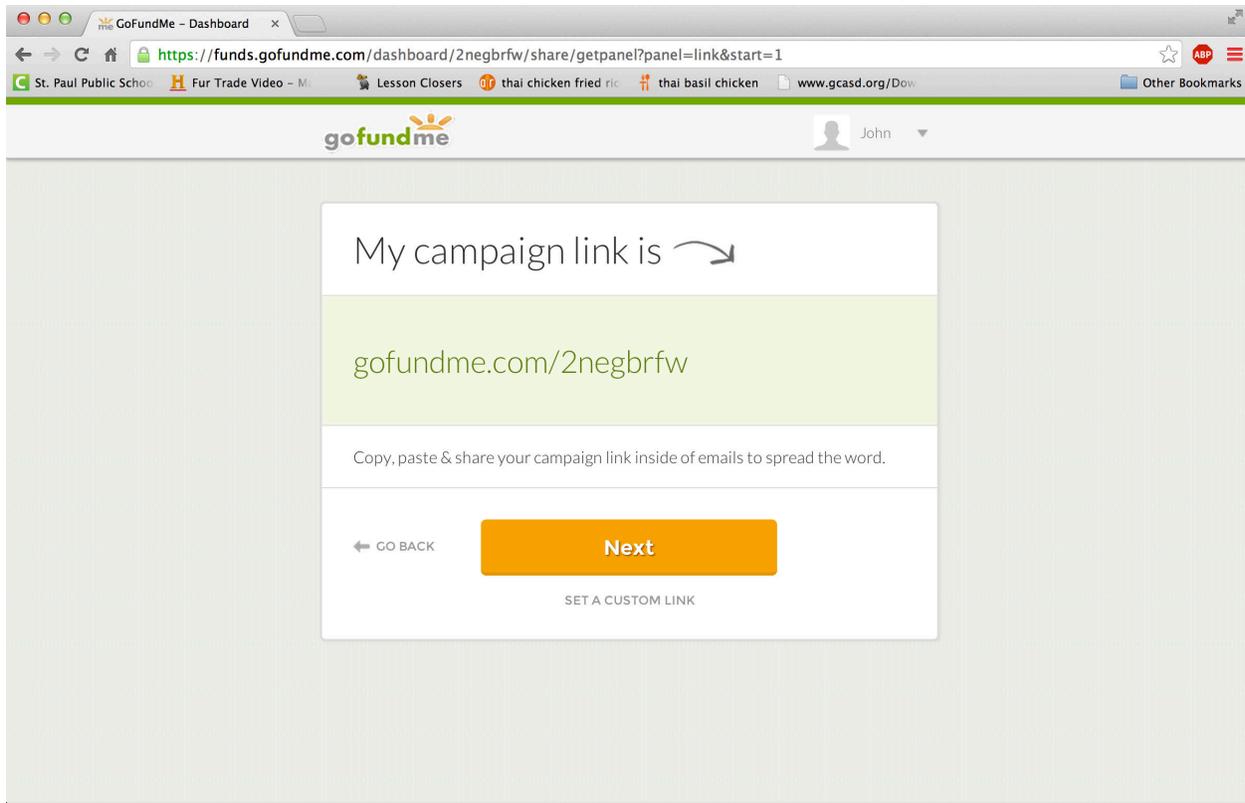
Optional Features: Offer Reward Levels or Create a Wish List.

Step 8: Add your Facebook photo if you'd like. Or skip it. Either or.

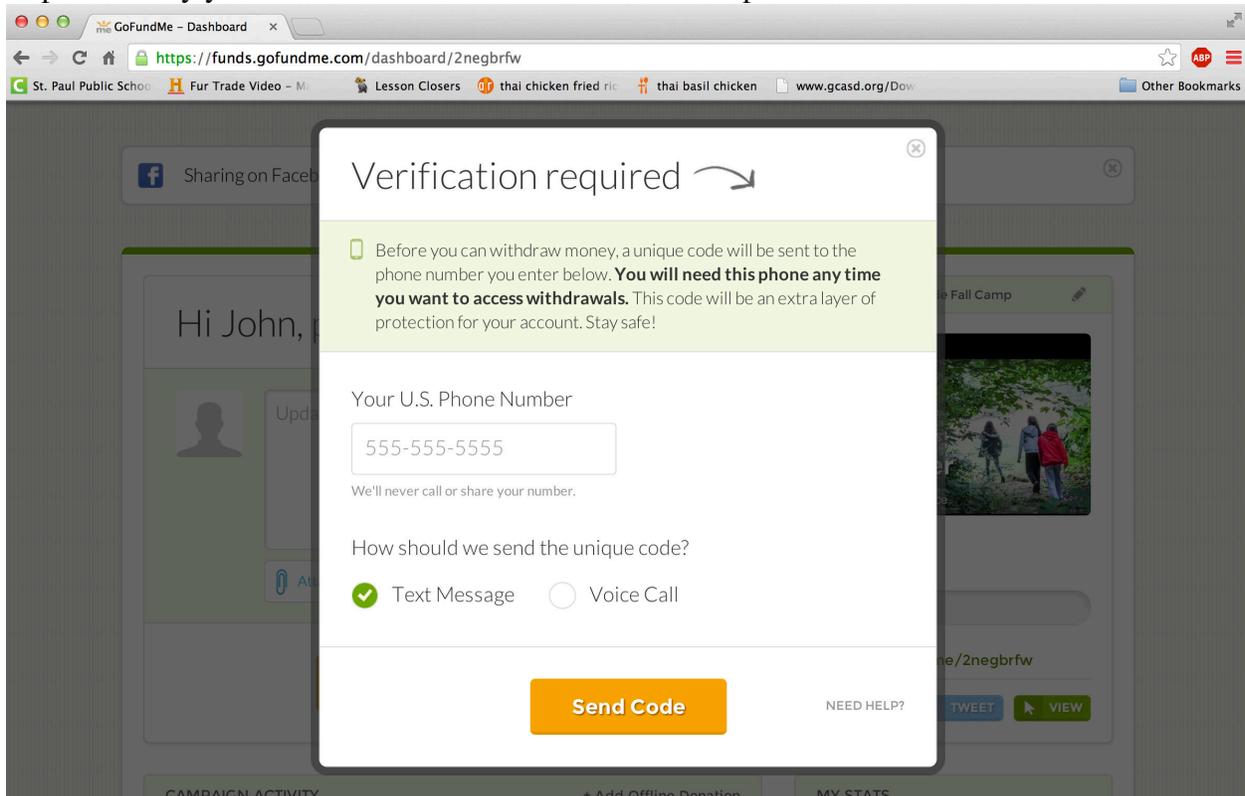


Step 9: Skip all the Facebook stuff/Twitter stuff if you'd like. It's not necessary if you have the link, which you'll receive in a moment.

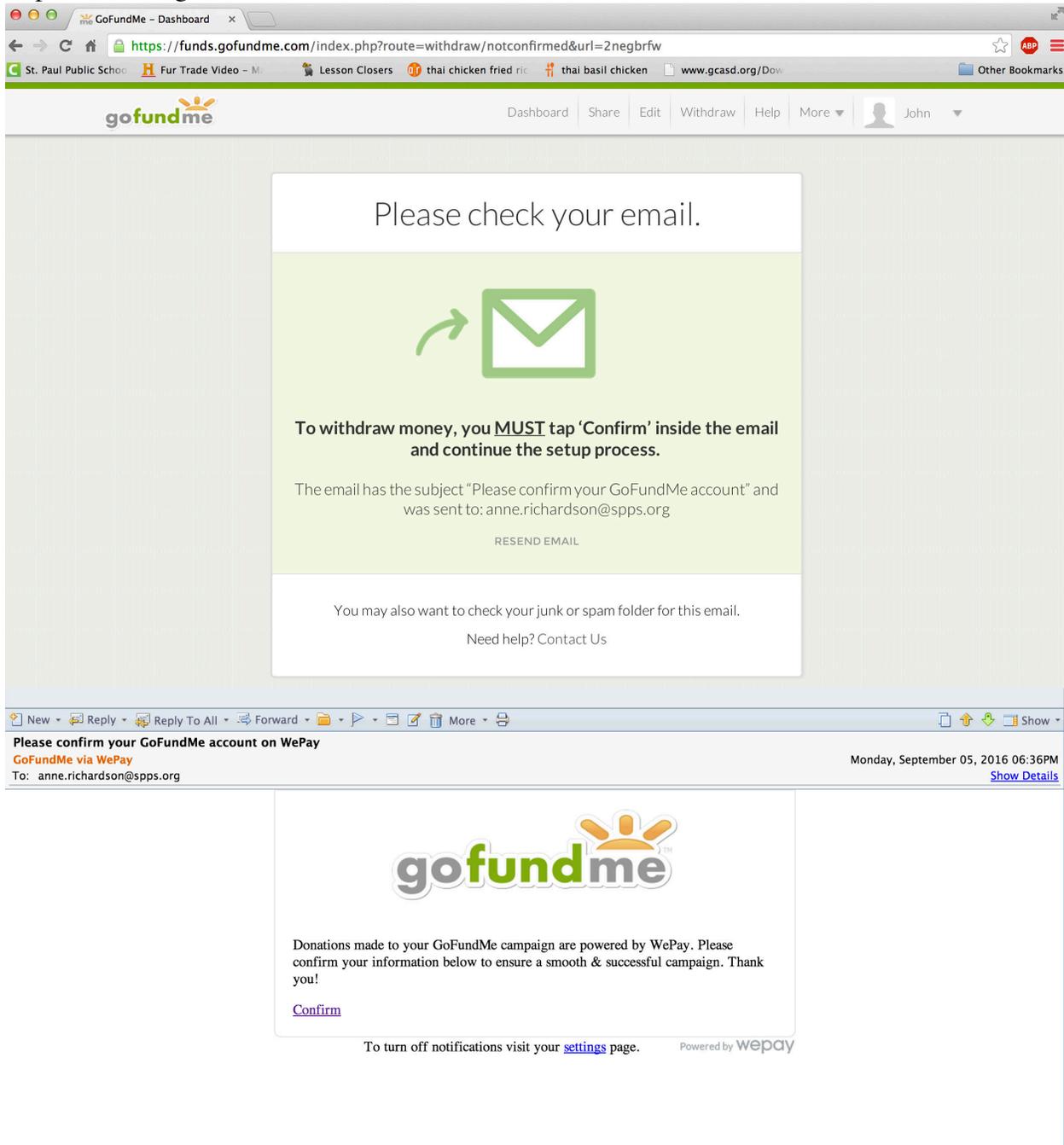




Step 10: Verify your account. You'll need a cell or home phone number.



Step 11: You'll get an email. Confirm it.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the GoFundMe dashboard. The address bar displays <https://funds.gofundme.com/index.php?route=withdraw/notconfirmed&url=2negbrfw>. The dashboard includes a navigation menu with options: Dashboard, Share, Edit, Withdraw, Help, More, and a user profile for John. A central message box contains the following text:

Please check your email.



To withdraw money, you **MUST** tap 'Confirm' inside the email and continue the setup process.

The email has the subject "Please confirm your GoFundMe account" and was sent to: anne.richardson@spps.org

[RESEND EMAIL](#)

You may also want to check your junk or spam folder for this email.

[Need help? Contact Us](#)

Below the dashboard, an email preview is visible with the following content:

Please confirm your GoFundMe account on WePay
GoFundMe via WePay
To: anne.richardson@spps.org

Monday, September 05, 2016 06:36PM
[Show Details](#)



Donations made to your GoFundMe campaign are powered by WePay. Please confirm your information below to ensure a smooth & successful campaign. Thank you!

[Confirm](#)

To turn off notifications visit your [settings](#) page. Powered by [wepay](#)

Step 12: Follow the directions on the screen. You will need a social security number.

The image displays three sequential screenshots of the GoFundMe dashboard during a KYC (Know Your Customer) verification process. The browser address bar shows the URL <https://funds.gofundme.com/dashboard/2negbrfw/kyc>. The GoFundMe logo and navigation menu (Dashboard, Share, Edit, Withdraw, Help, More, John) are visible at the top of each page.

First Screenshot: Verify Info to Access Money
The page title is "Verify Info to Access Money". It features a placeholder icon of a person with a question mark. Below the icon, it states: "GoFundMe & WePay are required to collect some additional information." There are two buttons: "GO BACK" and "Verify My Info". A note at the bottom says: "If you're not over 18 or don't have a social security number, please [click here](#). Your personal information will NEVER be shared with any 3rd parties."

Second Screenshot: Let's get started
The page title is "Let's get started". It includes a note: "If you withdraw to a bank, your name must match the name on the bank account. If someone else will withdraw, [enter their name here](#)." The form fields are: "Your Full Legal Name" (John, Smith), "Your Home Address" (1234 California Ave), and "ZIP Code" (55106 - Saint Paul, MN). There are "GO BACK" and "Next" buttons. A note at the bottom states: "Your banking information will NEVER be shared with any 3rd parties."

Third Screenshot: You're almost done
The page title is "You're almost done". It features a security icon and the text: "All information is securely stored and will always remain private." The form fields are: "Your Date of Birth" (January, 1, 1990), "Your Phone Number" (651-774-6312), and "Social Security Number" (123456789). There are "GO BACK" and "Finish" buttons. A note at the bottom says: "If you're not over 18 or don't have a social security number, please [click here](#)."

Step 13: You're done! Awesome! Get that link out to people to start donating as soon as possible!

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the GoFundMe dashboard. The address bar displays <https://funds.gofundme.com/dashboard/2negbrfw>. The GoFundMe logo is in the top left, and navigation links for Dashboard, Share, Edit, Withdraw, Help, and More are in the top right. A notification banner at the top says "Sharing on Facebook is the best way to reach your goal. Connect your campaign to Facebook." The main content area is split into two columns. The left column is a post creation form with the heading "Hi John, post an update" and a text input field containing "Update your supporters and attract new donors...". Below the input field are buttons for "Attach Photo or Video", "FACEBOOK", "TWITTER", and "EMAIL". A large orange button at the bottom of the form says "Post My Update". The right column shows a campaign card for "Erdkinder: 8th Grade Fall Camp" with a photo of children in a forest. The campaign has raised "\$0 of \$97" and includes a progress bar. At the bottom of the card are buttons for "SHARE", "TWEET", and "VIEW".