Lesson Title: **Fun-raiser**
Lesson Topic: Community Partnerships
Curricular Integration: Language Arts, Mathematics

Minds On

How can StopGap continue to provide ramps for the community?

Guided Inquiry

Perhaps your school community would like to organize a fundraiser! Organizations like StopGap are helped greatly by volunteerism and fundraising, and knowing how to coordinate an event is a useful skill! Fundraising events are also great ways to get to know your community.

Have you had success with dance-a-thons, bake sales, pajama days, or charity walks? Brainstorm creative ways to help promote and fundraise for more ramps in your community!

Working On It

Once you have decided on a fundraising idea, create a task list and assign responsibilities for event planning.

Set fundraising goals. Remember it isn't all about money, raising awareness is just as important so include educational as well as financial goals.

Set a date for the event and book a space! This date could be after the ramp delivery day so that you can showcase photos of the newly accessible store-fronts! Try and make sure your space is accessible. If not, brainstorm how it can be made accessible.

Decide how you will advertise your fundraiser. Maybe you have posters or decorated ramps designed in previous lessons that will make great additions to your fundraiser advertisements! Remember to let people know all the necessary details (e.g. date, time, place, etc.)

You may want to talk to your community business partners about providing food or prizes for your event in exchange for advertising their businesses' involvement in the StopGap School Project. This may involve writing letters or e-mails detailing your event.

Plan how you are going to thank all of your donors.

Put your plan into action and let StopGap know how we can help!

Reflection/Application

Were you able to meet your fundraising goals?

What made you successful?

Do you think that your event helped raise awareness?

What would you do differently if you could plan another fundraising event?

Teacher Resources and Links

WikiHow on Setting Up a Fundraising Event
http://www.wikihow.com/Set-up-a-Fundraising-Event