



GEAR UP Mississippi and the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Mississippi team up to Make-A-Difference!!

GEAR UP Mississippi continues to implement state-wide community engagement leadership projects in all participating districts. GEAR UP Mississippi and the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi have partnered to facilitate a student-led project. Each GEAR UP Mississippi school will be challenged to raise a minimum of \$5,000 in support of making a wish come true for a child with a life-threatening medical condition. This could mean 38 wishes granted! Each GEAR UP Mississippi student will be engaged in this effort through the support of their local Youth Advisory Council (YAC). "We envision that this partnership will be a collaborative effort between GEAR UP Mississippi and Make-A-Wish to engage the schools and communities within the GEAR UP Mississippi cohort", says Briana Thompson, YAC Coordinator. The goals of the Youth Advisory Council are to engage students, encourage positive behavior, build leadership abilities and teach students to be advocates for their schools and communities.

Through this statewide community service project, envisioned by a GEAR UP Mississippi student, students will be able to assist the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi in raising the funds through student activities within their schools and communities. "It is my hope that my fellow classmates and I will learn the importance of giving back to others", says Alyssa, a GEAR UP Mississippi YAC Student. "In addition, we will be able to participate in a major service project we can use on our admissions applications for college."



For more information on this initiative, please visit the GEAR UP Mississippi website at :

www.gearupms.org

and the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi website at

www.ms.wish.org



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Important Facts

Goal

\$5,000 per GEAR UP Mississippi School
\$5,000 covers an individual wish but every dollar counts.
(All donations are accepted!)

Timeline

January 1, 2011- February 18, 2011

Who

The entire community and school will participate in this 9th grade-led initiative

GEAR UP Mississippi Support; YAC Funds

YAC funds may be used to purchase allowable items. All common restrictions apply and activity forms must be submitted for approval.

Fiscal Process

All funds received by the school should be made payable to the school at the initial time of donation. All funds raised by the school will be presented to the Make-A-Wish Foundation® in the form of one donation from the school.

Technical Assistance

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For more assistance and ideas, visit:
Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi—www.ms.wish.org
GEAR UP Mississippi—www.gearupms.org



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Group Name: GEAR UP Mississippi Youth Advisory Council

School: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

YAC Sponsor Name: _____

(Alternate) Teacher/Advisor Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Description of fund-raising activities _____

Date and time of fund-raiser(s): _____

Estimated number of participants: _____

Would you like a Make-A-Wish® representative to meet with your group, speak at an assembly, or attend a check presentation? (If yes, please describe.)

Will you need any other support from the Make-A-Wish Foundation®? (If yes, please describe.)

We have read and agree to follow the attached Kids for Wish Kids Fund-Raising Rules.

PROPOSED BY:

Signature (Principal)

Name of Principal

Date: _____

APPROVED BY:

Signature

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi

Date: _____

Please fax or email completed information to:

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Get Motivated!

It's important to keep students "GEAR'd UP" about making a difference in their community. Each fundraiser activity should have an incentive for the students and community participants. Here are a few suggestions:

The class that brings the most money on a designated day will...

Have a popcorn party

Watch a movie

Have a dress-down day

Get an extra-credit grade or points towards a grade

Competitions are a great way to get students to participate

Grades vs. Grades

Girls vs. Boys

Teams vs. Teams

Students can sell stars (provided by the Make-A-Wish Foundation upon request)

Raffles to win VIP Parking Places or VIP seating at football/basketball games

Make it fun!

Make it cool!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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