**We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.**
Sir Winston Churchill

**The Rationale:**
Our alliance with the Sanford Health’s Children’s Hospital & Children’s Miracle Network (CMN) underscores one of the many missions of Family and Consumer Sciences and our leadership organization FCCLA: the family and reputation as the caretakers of America’s future — our children.

Since its inception, Family and Consumer Sciences and FCCLA have worked to increase the quality of life for children and youth. This dedication to our nation’s young people parallels CMN’s own mission.

That’s why ND FCCLA is asking for the support of FACS programs WITH or WITHOUT an FCCLA chapter to join in our ‘capitol’ campaign 2012-2017 to raise money in support of quality health care to all children for Sanford Health’s Children’s Hospital and CMN.

With the pool of great FACS teachers and students across North Dakota along with some creative resources, we joyfully look forward to contributing what we can to help these needy little ones.

**Why Become Involved?**
--The money raised stays in North Dakota and helps the families of sick children regardless of their ability to pay.

--This service project has the potential to promote and reflect ND FACS curriculum standards and all 8 of the FCCLA organization’s purposes.

--This service project has the potential to bring together all North Dakota FCCLA chapters to function in “team” spirit to fulfill our pledge of $100,000 this year.

--A pediatric intensive care room at Sanford’s new hospital in Fargo will bear the name of ND Family and Consumer Sciences Education.
To promote the importance of Family and Consumer Sciences Education to businesses who share similar goals to the health and well-being of families and their children.

To build sustainable relationships to promote the importance of Family and Consumer Sciences Education to business and industry.

**Local Chapter Incentives:**
--Each FACS chapter who raises at least $320.00 will receive their chapter name in the State FCCLA convention program. North Dakota FACS programs without chapters will also be recognized in the program as well.

--Each chapter raising $1000.00 or more dollars will receive their chapter name in the State FCCLA convention program, a certificate for their accomplishments, and will be eligible for the grand prize drawing. Prize to be determined.

--The chapter raising the most money will receive the “Statewide Service Project” traveling trophy and a check for $100.00 to help with any expenses incurred while raising money for CMN. **Current holder: St. John.**

**Build Your Own Partnerships with CMN and One More Way to WIN!**
Solicit your local businesses to consider matching what your chapter raises for CMN! Bring a check to convention made out to ND FCCLA—ALONG with a list of businesses who have donated (so we can send a thank you letter following the state meeting) and the chapter with the largest check will win a ‘special’ prize for their chapters!! Such an easy way to raise a little more!!!!

**Local Fundraising Ideas—Ideas That Work!**
--Preferred Campaign Idea: Chillin’ 4 Children
   Selling Frosty Fruit

--Bingo Bucks For Kids - Ask each participant or a donation for each bingo card and raise a lot of money for children’s hospitals. This could be combined with a bake sale or other concessions, with proceeds going to the local hospital. Have a flat fee or a percentage of the bingo proceeds earmarked for CMN.

--Miracle Meals/Cookouts - Have food donated from restaurants or go pot-luck! Charge $5 to $10 per person. Or, if you have a favorite restaurant in your community, ask it to place a “Miracle Meal” item on the menu. When Miracle Meals are ordered, contributions are generated for the local CMN-member hospital.
--**Service-a-Thon** - (Community Service project as fund raiser) Members secure monetary pledges for the hours of community service they perform on one or two given Saturdays. The service project should have high community visibility, with all donations benefiting CMN-member hospitals. Individuals, neighbors, and community businesses are solicited for pledges (e.g., $1 for each hour worked).

--**Trike Race** – Solicit the teaching staff and faculty members at your school as well as some prominent community leaders to ride tricycles. Have them wear funny costumes and come up with funny names. People bid on who’s going to win, with half of the purse going to the winner and half to the local CMN hospital. A great half-time entertainment idea at your home sports games.

--**Treasure Hunt** - Sell daily clues to a mystery location where a treasure is hidden. The first person to guess the location wins the treasure.

--**Silly Hat** - Pass the silly hat around the silly hat from one FCCLA member to another. Each member must raise a predetermined amount of money to pass the hat on to the next member of their choice.

--**Jail Bail** - Involve the local police department. The prisoner must raise a predetermined amount of money before they can get out of jail.

--**Canisters** - Place CMN collection canisters in local businesses.

--**Sponsor Tournaments for Both Adults & Students**- Softball, basketball, volleyball, golf, chess, billiards, darts, video games and so on. Seek donations for prizes from local businesses. All entry fees, etc., are donated to the local CMN hospital.

--**Raffles/Auctions** - Community businesses donate products or services that are raffled/auctioned off. (Check local and state laws regarding raffles.)

--**Seasonal Photos** - Take pictures of children with Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny for a donation.

--“**A-thons”** - Ski-a-thon, rock-a-thon, bake-a-thon, swim-a-thon, bike-a-thon, walk-a-thon, dance-a-thon, doodle-a-thon.

**AND . . .** Whatever other fun, exciting, and creative ideas that you can dream up to raise money for children’s hospitals! When should you get started in organizing these fund-raising activities? **There’s no time like the present!!!**