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# Circle of Sisterhood 101

## Virtual Awareness & Fundraising Ideas

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You can make an impact by raising awareness and funds for Circle of Sisterhood virtually! Here are some ideas to help get you inspired. Please remember to review and follow the recommendations/policies made by your host institution for all events.

1. **Social Media Campaign** - Use this resource, [The Facts About Girls Education](#), to spread awareness on social media. Use the information to create compelling posts and share them on your community's social media accounts. Ask each chapter to share the post on their social media account. Challenge members to share the post by tagging them. Imagine the awareness you can create if every member of your community participates in the campaign and helps to educate their own circle of influence about the global crisis in girls' education! Consider creating a unique hashtag to share and to help track your posts. Here are some suggestions: #CofS, #circleofsisterhood, #beherhero. You can add a donate button to your posts on Facebook or a donate sticker on Instagram to turn your campaign into a fundraiser too!

Your social media campaign could also include:

- Selfie cards with sentence starters such as "I support CofS because..." or a co-branded sign that shares why your community supports CofS.
- A friendly competition amongst chapters with a reward for the chapter that engages with the social media campaign the most.

2. **Venmo Challenge** - Challenge each sorority member of your community to donate to CofS through Venmo. Simply search for [@circleofsisterhood](#) in the Venmo app and use a unique hashtag or phrase in the "What's it for?" box to identify your campus community. We will keep track of donations and you could offer an incentive to the chapter that raises the most money. Please send an email to Annie Labo at [annie@circleofsisterhood.org](mailto:annie@circleofsisterhood.org) to let her know what hashtag or phrase you will have supporters use when donating. Use these figures to suggest a gift amount (these figures are an average cost of these items in the developing world across multiple countries and are not specific to any one country):

- \$.24 equates to a notebook & pencil
- \$3.30 equates to a noon meal for an entire school year
- \$7.00 equates to a set of textbooks
- \$13.00 equates to one year of tuition
- \$29.00 equates to a school uniform
- \$53.00 equates to send a girl to school for one year with all that she needs to succeed

Note: We are aware that some campuses have created separate fundraising Venmo accounts in the past to collect funds and then transfer those funds to [@circleofsisterhood](#). To ensure funds are received in a timely manner, we recommend that you ask supporters to make their donation public and donate directly to [@circleofsisterhood](#). If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to Annie at [annie@circleofsisterhood.org](mailto:annie@circleofsisterhood.org).



3. **Instagram Bingo Board Challenge** - Create your own bingo board for Instagram [here](#) using the suggested donation amounts above. Once you create the bingo board, share it with your sorority community and ask them to post it in their Instagram Story. Ask for donations to be sent directly to CofS via Venmo [@circleofsisterhood](#). Mark off the squares on the bingo board as people donate and keep posting until you get a BINGO. When you do get a BINGO, tag someone else and challenge them to do the same. Want to use this idea to raise awareness rather than funds? Add action items to the squares that relate to CofS activities such as 'Told a friend about CofS', 'Read Half the Sky', 'Liked a CofS post this week', 'Follow CofS on Instagram', etc. You could also reward BINGO winners with a CofS sticker or button.
4. **Email or Letter Writing Campaign** - Leverage your own circle of influence with an email or letter writing campaign. Ask women from your sorority community to write to other women who have inspired them or helped support their education (examples: mothers, grandmothers, aunts, teachers, advisors, counselors, mentors, etc.). Use [this letter template](#) or create your own message that shares information about CofS and includes an ask to help girls go to school by donating \$20 or a similar amount. Include the options below on how to donate:
  - Go to [www.circleofsisterhood.org](http://www.circleofsisterhood.org) and click on Give Now
  - Mail a check made payable to Circle of Sisterhood to P.O. Box 551, Belmont, NC 28012
  - Venmo [@circleofsisterhood](#)
5. **Virtual Watch Party** - Take time to host a virtual watch party with [Teleparty!](#) Choose a documentary that will help educate your sorority community about the crisis in girls' education or the barriers that limit access to educational opportunities. To learn more, click the link above and start creating your party now! Some suggested documentaries are Girl Rising, He Named Me Malala, City of Joy, and Period. End of Sentence. After your virtual watch party, host a Zoom meeting to discuss the following questions:
  - How can raising awareness of these issues complement your community's current philanthropic initiatives?
  - What can you do to keep the conversation going in your community about the crisis in girls' education?
  - Do you believe the founders of sororities could relate to the message shared in the documentary?
6. **Profit Share with Local Business/Restaurant** - Partner with a small business or restaurant to donate a portion of their proceeds to Circle of Sisterhood. Ask if online shopping/orders can count toward proceeds and/or if the fundraiser can be open for two or three days to increase the opportunity for supporters to participate. Promote the fundraiser on social media and within your own circle of influence. Take your fundraiser a step further and create a challenge to increase social media traffic. Ask to collaborate on a social media post and for every share with a specific hashtag or new follower that the business receives, ask them to donate \$1 to CofS.



7. **Virtual Walk/Run** - It is easy to participate in a virtual walk/run because participants can complete the walk/run on their own time. Ask participants to register for the event and let them know that their registration fee will help to remove barriers to education for girls and women around the world. Registration packets can include information about CofS, facts about the crisis in girls' education, and any relevant items that you decide to include. When they are ready to complete their walk/run, request that they take a selfie and post to social media with a unique hashtag, such as #CofSVirtualWalk or #Iwalkforthegirls. Encourage participants to go live on Facebook or Instagram during their walk/run. You could also have participants ask for sponsorships – for example, donate \$10 to sponsor 1 mile to increase your fundraising efforts.
8. **Zoom with a CRM** - Invite the sorority community to hear from one of our Campus Relationship Managers who can give a short presentation and answer any questions about CofS during a Zoom meeting. The presentation can be tailored to fit your community's needs, whether you are just getting started or have been a campus partner for many years!
9. **Other Campus Communities** - Collaborate with other campuses on a virtual event! Work with another campus community that supports CofS nearby or across the country. If you are interested in this idea, we can help pair you with a campus. Send an email to [campussupport@circleofsisterhood.org](mailto:campussupport@circleofsisterhood.org) to let us know!
10. **Engage Alumnae** - Just because they've graduated doesn't mean they can't participate in an event! Offering alumnae the chance to join your event virtually will increase participation & support of your efforts.
11. **Online Fundraising Pages** - You can create your own online fundraising page for FREE on our website. [Click here](#) to create your CofS branded fundraising page now!
12. **Virtual CofS Week** - Any of the ideas shared above can be organized into a successful virtual CofS Week.

To assist you in your efforts, please feel free to utilize the graphics that have been shared in the CofS Campus Partner Facebook group. Not a member of the CofS Campus Partner Facebook group? [Click here now to join!](#) Also, we suggest reviewing the [CofS Brand Standards Guide](#) to help you stay on-brand when creating graphics for social media.

Have questions? Please take advantage of the remote advising services offered by our Campus Relationship Managers. Your Campus Relationship Manager (CRM) is available for video conferencing and/or phone meetings should you have questions. Not sure who your CRM is? Send an email to [campussupport@circleofsisterhood.org](mailto:campussupport@circleofsisterhood.org) to be connected to your CRM.

