

Discipleship Legacy Project

Support Raising

The Discipleship Legacy Project (DLP) is a discipleship project, filled with learning, outreach, and gaining tools for life long impact in building God's kingdom. You will be earning approximately \$10 an hour this summer working at the Ranch. However, to cover your housing, food and ministry expenses, we are charging each participant \$750 by the start of the project to be a part of the DLP. You may have the money in savings, or you may earn it somewhere else, but we want to encourage you to step out in faith and ask God to raise your necessary financial support by asking others to financially invest in you and your spiritual growth, and as you help grow His kingdom. Here are 4 good reasons to do this:

1. It is an example in the Bible of Christian workers to be supported by God's people. (1Tim 5:18)
2. It is a truth in the Bible that people who give are blessed. (Luke 6:38)
3. As people invest financially in your summer project, they are likely to pray for you during Crush Fear as well. (Luke 12:34)
4. As you step out in faith and see God show up, your faith will grow, and enable you to trust God in new ways. You will be growing in faith before you get to the project and God can use this confidence you move forward to trust him in new and bigger ways in the future. (Luke 16:10)

The DLP is more of a Great Commission discipleship project than it is a classic mission trip. However, we will be taking several days to witness to people in the Durango area. We will also do several things that contribute to strengthening local churches and ministries, and we will be teaching one another from God's word. Further, the skills you learn during the project will enable you to be a more courageous witness for Christ for the rest of your life. When people invest in your summer project, they are making an investment in God's Kingdom, by faith.

Look up these verses in your Bible and answer the questions:

Luke 8:1-3 What unique person was supported financially by concerned believers? _____

Phil 4:15-16 What type of organization was supporting Paul's ministry on more than one occasion in this passage? _____

1 Timothy 6:17-19 How does God want "the rich" to act with their money? _____

What will they store up for themselves if they act that way? _____

This is training in how to raise support for your project using a support letter strategy.

Important- Don't send out any support letters until April 5th.

Practically, support raising will take six steps:

1. Ask God in prayer to seriously raise the money you need to go to the DLP. Tell Him how you feel about this, and commit to trusting Him with the details.
2. Brainstorm: With a pen in hand, ask God to bring the right people to your mind to join your team! Make a list of all the people that might be interested in supporting your project. Don't rule anybody out at first. Trust God to come up with 40-60 people that you can give a letter to explaining your summer project. List people who know you personally, have a Christian background, and are employed. Think about family, student friends, church friends (current and old), neighbors, Sunday School teachers, ministry staff members, etc. Take 20-30 minutes to do this, or until you come up with 40 names.
3. Type your support letter and have someone proofread it. Use the model in this packet for your supporting content. Print your letter in color. You can change the first paragraph to make it accurate for your situation. Don't change the second two paragraphs. You will get a copy of the Word file of the Sample support letter in an email soon.
4. Place your support letter in an envelope and mail it or place it in the hands of the most likely 25-40 people that God brought to mind. Include a smaller *self-addressed* return envelope in the envelope. When you hand it to someone you might say something like "*I asked God who I should ask about helping me on my discipleship project this summer, and He brought you to my mind*". You can also hand write a similar message on top of your printed letter of someone that you are mailing the letter to.
5. Watch your mailbox, and record what comes back to you on a list. Send a thank you note right away if someone joins you prayerfully or financially and save your list of names and addresses of those who gave. Thank God for his provision! The people that send you a donation are now the members of your support team.
6. At the end of your trip, send a thoughtful report to those on your support team summarizing what God did in your life at Crush Fear. They will be glad to hear of how their investment in your life is bearing fruit.

You can do this with God if you step out and trust Him. Many students have done this before and have seen God provide more than enough financial support. You need to have \$750 in hand to start the project. Your \$200 deposit is counted toward that total amount. If you do not have the needed support by May 15, you will need to take an extra step, step 7, of calling those you sent letters to, and ask if they have made a decision.

7. Call the people that you gave a letter to but have not heard a response. They may have an intention to give but have just gotten busy. Keep praying and trusting God, and call them on the phone, and ask these two questions:

1. “Did you read the letter I gave/sent you about my Discipleship Project coming up next week?” *(If they say no, give them a recap of what you will be doing, and why you are excited about it.)*

2. “I am \$XXX short of my goal of \$750 which I need before I can go. Have you made a decision about joining my support team?” (Wait for a response, and express gratitude regarding their response. Even if they say no, thank them for their time.

What to do with your checks:

When you do get checks in the mail, hold on to them, and bring them with you to the DLP on the first day. We will make sure they get recorded at registration. If you have more than enough support, you may have the opportunity to extend some of it to another student that is still in need of funds on the first day.

If you save your receipts for support letter costs (stamps, printing, envelopes) and travel costs getting to and home from Durango, you can also raise money to cover those expenses. You must save your receipts, and then give them to the staff at registration at the DLP on the first day. We will be able to reimburse your costs if you have raised the needed amount over the \$750 DLP cost.

If you have any questions or concerns about support raising, call Austin Krokos, a DLP director at 970-749-7873.

What if someone wants to give with a credit card online?

People can give to your DLP account at DiscipleshipLegacyProject.weebly.com by clicking the DONATE button near the top of the screen. They will be able to select your name from a dropdown list before submitting their donation. You will not be notified of these donations automatically. To inquire of your online donations, you may ask Linda Akins the project financial manager at LgAkins@gmail.com

May God bless you support raising efforts! Please reach out to Austin if you get stuck or have questions. The earlier you get started the better, but don't put letters in the mail until April 5th! Thank you.

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