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An Old Educator's Views on Adventist Education
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Need Money for Christian Education?

Every Christian educator wishes they had more money to use for projects in their school. You may need funds for technology or have an idea that could help the community learn about good health. But with today's economy you know these things are next to impossible for you and your students.

The **Pepsi Cola company** is looking for people and schools like you. Look around your school, church, community—dream about what your students could do to make a change. Then send them your ideas.

Pepsi launched the **Refresh Everything site** to gather grant suggestions and take votes and will give away millions per month to winning projects. Your school can take part.
Download the idea toolkit here. **http://www.refresheverything.com/docs/idea-toolkit.pdf**

This is just one example of how the Internet can be used to raise money. Let's look at some ways Adventist schools can get goods or cash. The sites to help are as varied as the projects seeking donations.

www.kickstarter.com/w.donorschoose.org DonorsChoose is aimed specifically at teachers. You can request supplies for a specific project or extracurricular activity. Once the goal is met, the site delivers the materials directly to your school.

Requests range from computers to pencils to soccer goals. Project costs range from a couple hundred dollars to thousands of dollars. Donors can give as much they would like to any project.

www.kickstarter.com Kickstarter is a site that lets you post any type of projects, even personal ones. Post a project and specify how much you'd like to raise and specify a time limit—up to 90 days. Take the time to look at the types of projects posted. Costs range from a few hundred dollars to tens of thousands of dollars. Donors select how much they would like to give.

http://www.chipin.com ChipIn helps you raise money for anything. It creates widgets that you can place on any site where you can add HTML code. Money is collected through PayPal, which may charge processing fees. A ChipIn widget draws attention and, it provides details about how you will use donations.

http://www2.guidestar.org GuideStar provides financial and other information on non-profits. It is free for non-profits to register. A growing number of sites help schools raise awareness and funds if your school is listed with GuideStar.

http://good2gether.com Good2gether lets non-profits create their own Web page to list events and fundraising efforts or even to recruit volunteers. Your school can sell up to six sponsorships at a minimum of $100. Good2gether gets a 35-percent cut.

https://www.justgive.org JustGive is for non-profits that already have a site. It makes it easier for visitors to donate.
You get a Donate Now button to put on your school's site. JustGive processes transactions and provides tax receipts to donors. There's no charge to get going with JustGive. But it does take three percent of donations.

http://www1.networkforgood.org Network for Good helps you raise money by providing a DonateNow link for you. They processes donations and provide tax forms for free, but take 4.75% of the donations.

Finally, **Facebook** is a great way to raise awareness of your school. Use your profile to solicit donations and highlight events. You can set up a **Causes** app. Others can join a cause and post to the page.

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http://www.pbs.org/teachers Click on this link and find out what it means to be a PBS Teacher. You will be happy you did. You will find classroom resources, lesson plans, contests, a webinar, blog, and much much more. I should mention it is **FREE**!

I recently taught a class in beginning animation using Pivot Stick Figure Animator.
www.snapfiles.com/get/stickfigure.html

Now thee is a **NEW** program that will make it possible to do even MORE. Go to www.stykz.net/Home.html and get **Stykz.** Have your students use this technology in reports, that you will enjoy to grade. Animate your classroom!

http://www.techtiptuesday.com This link will take you to the site of one of my former students. You may think you have been amazed by what is happening in technology, but Jeff will tell you more about what is being done with his "Tech Tip tuesday."

END OF THE MARCH NEWSLETTER

That is enough for the March PET newsletter. I hope you found information you wanted to read, download, and/or use.
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May you continue to realize the blessings God has for you as you minister to His kids,

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