

Documentary Fundraiser Nights

Guidelines & Resources
for Volunteer Hosts

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CHICAGO

ELEMENTS OF A DOCUMENTARY NIGHT

There are four elements to a documentary night: Eating, Learning, Praying, and Giving. Of course, it's your event and you can personalize each element. This packet contains guidelines and resources for each part.

INVITING. (the fifth element that happens before all the others...)

Be clear from the **start** about what the night is and what people should expect. Here's a sample invitation:

SAMPLE INVITATION TEXT

What?

Documentary/Fundraiser Night for World Relief Chicago.

When?

March 9th. 7pm-10pm.

Where?

My house. 21 N. Main Street.

How much?

\$30 per person suggested donations can be made to WRC via credit card at the event.

Will there be food?

Yes. Munchies, soda, and popcorn.

What will we watch?

God Grew Tired of Us ([preview here](#))

Why?

I have volunteered assisting a refugee family from Congo for a couple of years. This experience made global refugee issues personal for me. Please come over to eat, learn, and pray for displaced people, and donate to a local organization that supports refugees and immigrants.



EATING.

This part is up to you. You can do a full-on meal, potluck, popcorn and drinks, or somewhere in between. Just make sure you tell your guests what to expect.

✓ DON'T FORGET!

-Check for food allergies or dietary restrictions.



LEARNING.

The learning part comes through a few different channels:

1. The documentary itself. We will provide a list of documentaries WRC recommends and has permission to use . Pick one you think would be appropriate and challenging for your guests. We recommend you watch it first and take into account things such as length and intense and/or graphic content.

2. Testimony. Keep the night grounded by including a personal word. Most likely you or one of your guests has direct experience with refugees or other displaced people. Have this person share a brief testimony (ten minutes or less).

Consider these guiding questions:

- What relationships or experiences made this issue personal for you?
- If you have a friend from a refugee background, describe him or her.
- What have you learned from this person?

3. Literature & further connection. We will provide flyers about how to get involved at WRC, as well as lists of helpful books, websites, and other documentaries. It also contains a sign-up sheet for WRC's email list. Make these available during the night so that people can learn more on their own.

✓ **DON'T FORGET!**

- Screen the documentary yourself ahead of time.
- Warn guests about sensitive or graphic content.



PRAYING.

Remember to set apart time for prayer. Pray for the safety, security, and hope for those waiting to be resettled; for hearts to overflow with compassion toward those forced to flee; for the material resources refugees need; for discernment in demonstrating God's love to refugees.

Here are some ideas for structuring your prayer time:

1). Reflective.

Break into groups of 2-3 and ask each person in the group to share what they have learned that has been most impactful. Pray about each item.

2). Topical.

Also in groups of 2-3, have a leader introduce particular aspects of the refugee crisis, such as those listed above, and ask each group to pray about each issue for 1-2 minutes.

3). Large Group.

Select someone to open and close your prayer time. In between others can pray as they feel led.

4). Liturgical.

Read a prayer yourself or lead a responsive reading of a prayer you or someone else has written. See sample prayers on pg 5.



GIVING.

Set a fundraising goal using the tables below as guides. Make sure your guests know from the beginning there is a fundraising element to your event.

Suggested Donation \$20 / person	
Number of Guests	Amount Raised
10	\$200
20	\$400
30	\$600

Suggested Donation \$30 / person	
Number of Guests	Amount Raised
10	\$300
20	\$600
30	\$900

Here are a couple ideas for how to receive donations:

- 1. Facebook.** This is the method we recommend. Setting up a fundraiser from the WRC Facebook page is simple, and you can also use this as your platform for inviting friends. See instructions on pg 7.
- 2. On the computer.** Set up a laptop, iPad, or other device open to World Relief Chicago's [website](#). There is a give button on the top right of the page.
- 3. Cash or Check.** Go analog and put out a donations basket. If you fundraise this way, please don't send the donations via mail. Drop them off at the WRC office weekdays 10am-2pm or call us at 773-583-9191 to arrange something else.

We praise you for the blessing of the stranger.

Christ hides in the face of the stranger, reminding us that "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." In the stranger, we can experience the presence of Christ.

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We are called in Scripture, again and again, to welcome the stranger and the many blessings that the stranger may bring.

For the immigrant, the refugee, the one we do not know, we give our thanks and praise. The family of God is worshiping you in many languages, and following you in many cultures, all over the world. But the diversity of the family of God has also come right here to this community. May we receive the blessings you bring to us, Lord, through the gift of the stranger.

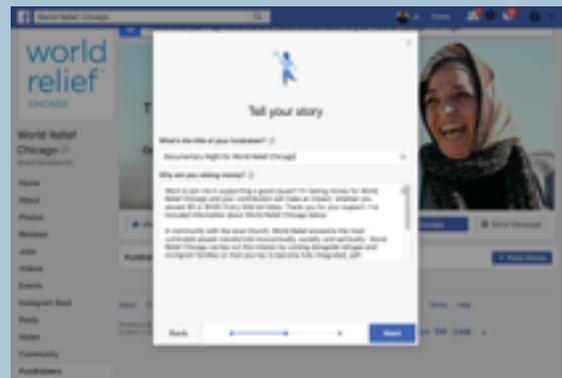
FACEBOOK GIVING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Go to WRC Facebook page and select fundraisers in the bottom left corner.



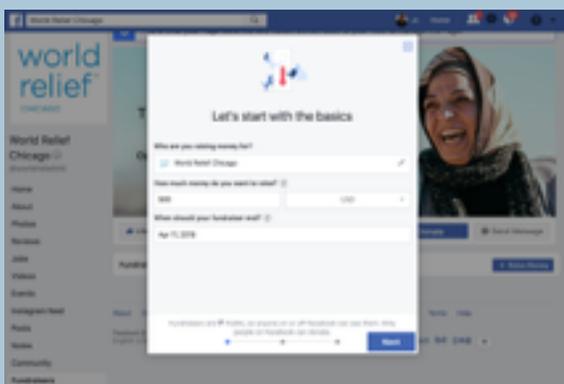
2. Click on “raise money,” then “get started” on the next screen.



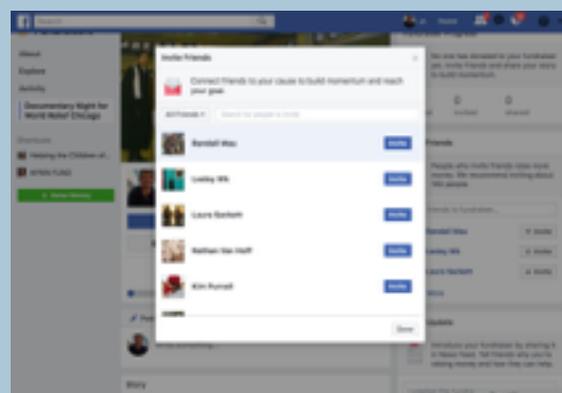
4. Create a description or use the autofilled description.



5. Select a background picture.



3. Set a fundraising goal and timeline.



6. Invite friends.