

UUF<sup>R</sup> Kids

# Working Together

...and making our world a better place!

In August, 2006, UUF<sup>R</sup> kids hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Kids Social Action Sale!

*This year, the way that they decided how to use their money was just as remarkable as the work they did to earn it!*



We began by talking about what types of work they would like to do in the world. All of the kids were interested in **feeding people** or **helping animals**.

I returned with four charity choices; two in each category.

They realized that they had a problem...

**...they didn't all want to spend money the same way!!!**

***How would they choose? They wanted everyone to feel good about their choice, and they were willing to find a solution to their problem!!***

They decided to make a choice by consensus (finding a solution that everyone could live with.)

1. We brain-stormed the ways that we could decide (voting with one winner, each voting for one, and various 'random selection' methods.)
2. We talked about how people would feel with each solution.
3. We talked about how fair each method would be.

We thought about how effective they would be!!

*\*\*It seemed to most of the kids that it would be fair and effective to give each kid a 'vote' worth their share of the funds we raised and to let them cast it for their favorite charity; but some kids couldn't live with that solution, so we decided it wasn't going to work!*

*\*\*In the end, each kid got four votes to cast...this way kids could cast votes for several of the charities if they wanted to. **Everyone could live with that.***

I was SO proud of how well the kids did working together to solve their problem! Reaching consensus with 45 kids is no small accomplishment!

The way these kids made their decision is a great example of how to walk through problem solving with children. (*I have written out the basic steps in effective problem solving (which I have adapted from the wise work of the 'Second Step' program used at Project Enlightenment's Demonstration Preschool.) They are posted on our website: [www.uufr.org](http://www.uufr.org).)*

And the Drum roll, please!.....

**Our kids raised \$228.60, which was divided into 157 shares of \$1.45 each!**

27/157ths (\$39.31) was sent to the Heiffer Project (*more specifically, trees and one share of pig...that is for you, Daniel!!*)

17/157ths (\$24.75) was sent to the Raleigh Interfaith Food Pantry

55/157ths (\$80.08) was sent to the Raleigh SPCA

58/157ths (\$84.45) was sent to the Pets and Animals in Distress program

**Great Job!!**

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