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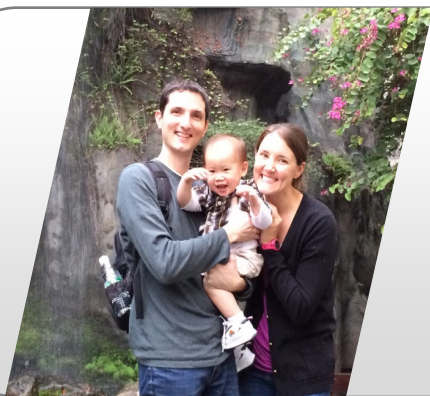
## Thank You For Hosting a Garage Sale with a Purpose

Because of your generosity, families who are adopting older children or children with special needs, will be one step closer to bringing them home. It is only because of people like you that our mission of caring for the most vulnerable orphans continues on a daily basis!

Many of you who are reading this have probably held a garage sale at some point. As you know, the process is pretty simple from start to finish. Collect some items around your house, price the items, set out a few signs directing people to your home, and sell your stuff. Well, Garage Sale with a Purpose is just as simple as any garage sale you have had. But the main difference, is that this Garage Sale has a lasting **Purpose**.

If you are a seasoned pro at hosting garage sales, or if you have never hosted one before, this packet will help you get started with your “Garage with a Purpose.” It will give you the simple steps for success, provide ways you can get the word out to your community, and show you how to make the biggest impact for the sponsored family you have selected. The process is **simple**, but the impact you will make is **simply life changing** for the children you are impacting.

If you have any questions that we can answer throughout the process of hosting a Garage Sale with a Purpose, please e-mail us at: [info@connectedheartsmintistry.org](mailto:info@connectedheartsmintistry.org). We want to help make this a fun, easy and rewarding experience for you! Please let us know how we can help!



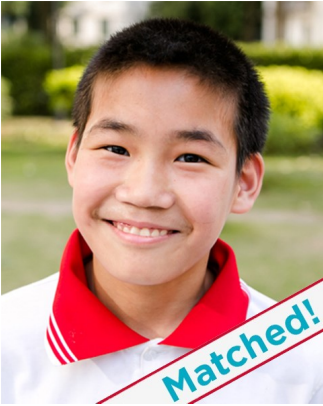
Before you continue reading the rest of this pamphlet, please make sure you have registered your Garage Sale with a Purpose on our website. You can do so by visiting the link here:

<http://www.connectedheartsmintistry.org/garage-sale-with-a-purpose>



## Step 1: Choose a Sponsored Family to Raise Funds for:

Pahls Family



On our website you will find a list of families who are currently in the process of adoption. All families who go through our sponsorship program are adopting children who are most often overlooked for adopted. These are children with special needs, older children and children in sibling groups. Each family's sponsorship page has a picture of the family as well as a short description of their adoption journey.

In addition, we will be updating the "Garage Sale with a Purpose" webpage frequently. We will give updates on how many people have chosen to host a garage sale for each family. Once you have read through this information, head on over to [www.connectedheartsmintistry.org/garage-sale-with-a-purpose](http://www.connectedheartsmintistry.org/garage-sale-with-a-purpose) and select one of our sponsored families.

**You can print out the families information sheets to share with people attending your garage sale. Let every customer know why you are hosting your garage sale and where the proceeds are going. This will enable you to spread the word about your chosen families adoption, and help you raise even more funds for your for the family.**

Every dollar raised means your sponsored family is one step closer to bringing home their child! No matter how big or small your garage sale is, we hope you will have lots of fun participating, and know that your garage sale is changing the life of an orphan!



Kokoska Family







Kunz Family

## Step 2 Plan and Collect

The first step to ensure a successful “Garage Sale with a Purpose” event is to make a game plan. You will need to think of:

- Where will you host your garage sale?
- Who do you want to host with?
- Where you will get your items?
- What kind of supplies do I need?
- When do you want to host your sale?
- Where will you promote your sale?

### Where Will You Host:

**At Your Home:** One of the quickest and easiest locations to host a “Garage Sale with a Purpose” is your own home.

**Church Building:** If you are having a large garage sale, ask your church if they have an area that you could use. This way, you will not only have more room to set up and sell, but your church members can also participate in the sale. Together you can make an even greater impact for the family you are raising funds for.

**Activity Center:** Another option is to find a local activity center. Many times you can sign up to use space at an Activity Center for free!

**School:** Hosting a Garage Sale at your child’s school is a great way to get kids in your community involved in caring for orphans. Check with your child’s principal to see if you can spread the word, and invite other families to participate.





## 2.) With Who:

Having more people involved will not only help you plan, set up and run your garage sale, but it will also improve your chances of making a bigger impact for orphans. Think about who you can get involved.

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**Your Family:** Hosting a “Garage Sale with a Purpose” is a great way for your whole family to work together to make a difference. Get your spouse, your kids, grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins and more to come together. Make this a family service project where you can fellowship together while caring for orphans at the same time.

**Your Church Group:** One way your church can live out James 1:27 (to care for orphans in their distress) is to host a “Garage Sale with a Purpose”. See if your entire Church wants to join together to collect and sell their unwanted items to live out James 1:27. If not the entire church, then maybe your Sunday School class, life group, youth group or even just a few church members can gather together to share your passion for orphans. See if your Pastor will let you make an announcement to get the word out, and see who is interested in getting involved to make a difference for orphans.

**Your Neighbors:** See if your neighbors are interested in hosting a neighborhood wide “Garage Sale with a Purpose”. Neighborhood wide garage sales are a great way to attract more customers, and gather your neighbors together to make a difference. People love neighborhood garage sales because visitors can shop at several garage without having to drive far . In addition, this is a great way to share your passion for orphan care with your neighbors and the local community in hopes that your passion will spread.

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Once you get people involved, make sure each person has a role to play in the process. Whether it is collecting items to sell, marketing the event, or pricing your merchandise, it is important that everyone knows they are making a difference.





### 3.) Where Will You Get Your Items:

**Your personal Items:** The first place to start is to find things around your house that you are not using, or do not need anymore. Be sure to check your attic, basement, and any storage units you may have. This is a great way to clean up your home of unwanted clutter while changing the life of an orphan!

**Donated Items:** Spread the word to everyone you know that you are having a garage sale for the purpose of helping an orphan come home to their forever family. Many people might not have enough items on their own to host a garage sale, but they may want to donate their items to you to join in on a great cause. Ask you friends, family members, neighbors, co-workers, church members or anyone else you can think of who might want to help. ***Facebook is one of the quickest and easiest ways to do this!***

**Local Businesses:** Some local restaurants may be interested in donating baked goods, snacks or other items to help you in your cause. If you are having a large sale at your church or a neighborhood sale that will attract lot of attention other local businesses may donate items could bring in a good profit.

### 4.) What Kind of Supplies Do I Need:

The following are a few essential items that will help make your garage sale run smoothly:

- Tables to display items on.
- Clothing Displays: Clothesline, clothes racks and coat hangers to hang your clothes on.
- Price stickers to price all of your items.
- Chairs for you and your volunteers.
- Garage Sale signs to direct customers to your “Garage Sale with a Purpose”.
- Money to Make Change: It is a good rule of thumb to get at least \$100.00 in change with lots of one dollar bills and quarters.



Kokoska Family





Stroeh Family

## 5.) What Day and Time

Saturdays are usually the best day of the week for garage sales. This is when many people are off work and ready to find a good deal. Also starting early between 7 am to 9am is a great time to catch those early bird garage sale shoppers.

## 6.) Promoting Your Event:

There are many great ways online to promote your event ahead of time. Here are just a few.

- Facebook: As we've mentioned before, your personal Facebook page is one of the quickest and easiest ways to spread the word about your garage sale.
- [www.craigslist.com](http://www.craigslist.com)
- [www.yardsalesearch.com](http://www.yardsalesearch.com)
- Local Facebook Pages: Many people have set up facebook pages for people to advertise garage sales in their local area. If you can't find one in your area, consider creating a facebook page for your "Garage Sale with a Purpose" and share it with your friends.
- [www.yardsales.net](http://www.yardsales.net)
- [www.garagesalestracker.com](http://www.garagesalestracker.com)
- Some local Christian radio stations have online family calendars where you can advertise your event to the community.



Miller Family

In addition, you can see if your church will let you advertise on their website, church bulletin, newsletter or make an announcement during service.



## Let Your Imagination Run Wild:

You probably have some fantastic ideas on how to throw an amazing “Garage Sale with a Purpose” that we have not thought of. You might want to ask a local band or church band to come and play at your sale. Maybe you love to barbeque and want to cook hamburgers and hot dogs to sell at your “Garage Sale with a Purpose.” Go for it! Use your God given talents and abilities to have fun, while making a difference for orphans!



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## Step 3: Donate the Proceeds of Your Garage Sale with a Purpose.



Once your Garage Sale With a Purpose is complete, head on over to our website, and donate the proceeds to the family you have chosen.

<http://www.connectedheartsmintistry.org/garage-sale-with-a-purpose>

Each family has a specific donate button on their sponsorship page. Once you donate, we will let the family know that you have held a “Garage Sale with a Purpose” in their honor. The family will also be notified of how much has been donated towards their

adoption. This will be a tremendous encouragement to them as they continue to work through the process of their adoption.

In addition, once you have made your donation to the family, please feel free to share your experience and your story with as many people as possible. Share on Facebook and Twitter, email friends and family. Share, Share, Share. Why you ask? Many people think that helping an orphan means that they have to become a foster parent or adopt a child from across the world. Some may do this, but there are many ways to help orphans, and all of them are important. Garage Sale with a Purpose is an easy way that everybody can get involved in caring for orphans. The more you share, the more people will realize that they too can make a difference. So not only did you host a “Garage Sale with a Purpose” and make a difference for orphan, but by sharing, you are encouraging more people to get involved. Your impact on orphans is limitless! You are continuing to help more orphans each time you share with someone, and help them host their own “Garage Sale with a Purpose”.

Lastly, please share your story with Connected Hearts Ministry at [info@connectedheartsmintistry.org](mailto:info@connectedheartsmintistry.org)

We would love to share your story on our website and Facebook page to encourage others to get involved. Feel free to send pictures, video and a short write up of how this impacted you and the community.





# Thank You for Joining Our Mission!



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**Connected Hearts Ministry** would again like to thank you for hosting a Garage Sale with a Purpose. Without people like you, our mission of caring for the most vulnerable orphans could never happen. We are so encouraged by your willingness to come along side of our sponsored families and our ministry.

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