

## “I Started a Club – Now What?”

### Ideas for Meaningful and Influential Club Events

- Hold a **film/documentary viewing**



- Use professional films focused on issues of diversity, etc. in the early childhood setting
- The 2010 documentary *Babies* is a great pick – watch the trailer [here](#)

#### **INSIDER TIP:**

Providing free food or snacks is always a draw

- Create an **awareness campaign** about current issues affecting young children
  - Examples: reform, controversies surrounding issues in early childhood education
  - Bring in a speaker to discuss current events
  - Hold a debate on campus on a “hot topic”

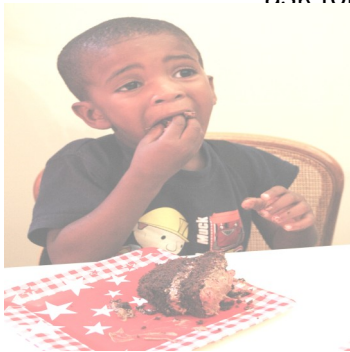


**INSIDER TIP:** For events such as these that are more academically based, check with your faculty adviser or the Education Department to see if students can get extra credit by attending. This will boost attendance at your events as well as provide enriching opportunities for students to supplement material outside of classroom.

- **Head Start** – politics, trends, standards
- Have a professor or graduate student moderate the debate/discussion
- Put “big deal” striking statistics flyers around dorms, academic buildings, etc.

**Fundraisers**

- Each month or semester, raise funds for a specific cause
  - November example — Set up a table near campus cafeteria and ask for donations



Each student could “buy” stuffing, turkey, gravy, etc.

Each food item can be priced at \$1, \$5, or \$10

All donated money goes toward a local/national charity aimed at fighting childhood hunger

... your ideas!

- Another example — hold a book drive across campus that focuses on early readers

**Use:**

- Board books
- “I Can Read” levels
- Picture books
- Coordinate book-box pick-ups every week so donated items do not get stolen or damaged
- At the end of one month donate all collected materials to a local homeless shelter, low-income elementary school, afterschool program, or foster care book bank system, etc.
- Compete with nearby universities to see which club can gather the most donated books in a month!
  - Smaller scale — see which dormitory can collect the most books within one month, week, etc.
  - Winner gets a pizza party



### Volunteer ideas

- Work with children in a local homeless shelter, low-SES after school tutoring program, etc.
- Find out an organization's specific needs and fundraise for them.



### Week of the Young Child



- What is it?
- Check out NAEYC's [website](#) on the 2011 Week of the Young Child
- Ideas for fundraisers, volunteer activities, special collaborative work with Affiliate, or film/documentary screenings, campus events, etc.
- Awareness campaign striking statistics/facts found here!
- This link includes a handbook of planning ideas to celebrate Week of the Young Child

### Example:

*AU's Early Childhood Education Club is hosting the following events in honor of*

### WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD:

- Join us in volunteering at our Parent's Night Out event – parents drop off their children on Friday night from 5-8 while we do crafts, theater, art, movie activities in the student union
- Host a speaker/showing a movie or documentary that showcases issues in education/early childhood
  - Volleyball tournament at the courts! Any group of 4 students can enter as a team for a fee of \$20 total – only \$5 each! The winning team gets gift certificates to the school bookstore! All proceeds benefit \_\_\_\_\_ charity or \_\_\_\_\_ local elementary school to benefit new technology resources.
- **Connect with your local Affiliate to help with their work!**