
YOUR WORD

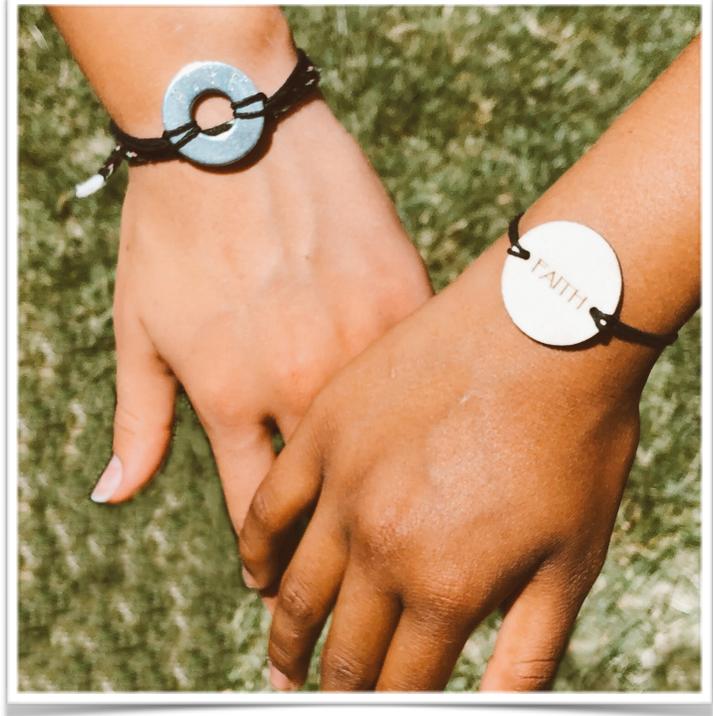
3-D Printer Bracelet or Stamped Bracelet

This project could be done through Language Arts, Art class or as a craft project. Students under the age of 11 probably will struggle with this and need adult help. It is highly profitable because they are so inexpensive to make. However, you can have a few students that are skilled with the hammer and stamping tools handle the production.

This fundraiser begins with a thoughtful question they need to write about. This fundraising project could be run by the ASB students to create an atmosphere of inclusion or through Language Arts to start a thoughtful discussion. These “My Word” bracelets begin with the students thinking about themselves. You might want to begin with a question such as, “What has been the greatest obstacle you have had to overcome? How did that situation change you and what have you learned from it? If you could describe yourself in one word - what would that word be?” or “What is the kind of person do you want to be and why? What adjective would remind you of your desire of your future self?” Students may respond, “Strong,” “Strength,” “Believe,” “Driven” or “Focused.”

Encourage them to think of what word inspires them the most. Explain that the school is sponsoring a fundraiser and explain what the funds will be used for.

Our campus has a 3-D Printer in our MakerSpace and our Technology class. I’ve purchased wooden discs with holes from Amazon. They work great in the 3-D printer and have a more natural look. Another option is to purchase a Letter and Number Stamp Kit and use aluminum washers or aluminum blanks. Search on Amazon under “metal stamping blanks” and “Letter Stamp Kits” for a different look. If you have the students make it themselves then be prepared to have them practice on a piece of aluminum until they feel confident and there will be some waste. If you use an aluminum disc instead of a washer place the center letter of the word in the center of the



aluminum disc and work to the right and left from there. Do not tap the stamp lightly - you will need to hammer it with some conviction. Figure out how much waxed cotton you will need for each bracelet and then order it by the yard. To complete the bracelet watch “How to Make a Sliding Knot” jewelry tutorial on YouTube.

Cost of a bracelet - metal and waxed cotton is around .25 each (\$180.00 /750)

The stamping tools vary from \$13.99 to \$42.00 plus tax and shipping per set. Depending on the size of your school you may want to buy more than one set for expedient manufacturing of the bracelet.



So, let's say you have a school of 1,000 students and 750 buy bracelet(s) -

That is 4 rolls of waxed cotton (109 yds = approx.. 2 bracelets per yard) at 7.99 = approx. \$40.00 with shipping and tax 4 bags of 100 each Aluminum Stamping Blanks/washers or Wooden Discs at approximately 15.00 (w/ tax and shipping) - \$60.00

2 Metal stamping kit - approx.. \$50.00

2 Poly bags for packaging (500 each at \$10) - \$20.00

Jewelry hammers with block: \$20 each - \$40.00

Your profit at \$5.00 bracelet would be: \$3,750.00

Less your production cost of - \$210.00

Your possible fundraising potential is \$3,540.00 AND you've created a trend on campus and students sharing “their” word. It creates community.

If some of these students buy more than one - it could be even a greater fundraiser. Remember to consider talented students to be: Stampers, Bracelet makers (skilled at knot tying), packaging for delivery.

HELPFUL HINT: Getting organized and staying organized in the manufacturing process is important. Perhaps consider preorder so you don't over buy or under buy in the manufacturing process. If you feel overwhelmed on an order form give them 20 words to choose from so you can get ahead in the production process. However, letting them choose their word or even a number that has meaning can be extremely special.

