HOW TO THANK DONORS
Compiled List from Staff Around the Country

Sent a blanket to a $50,000 donor “This is what a $50,000 blanket looks like” OH
At Christmas take kids to deliver YL blankets to top 30 donors PA
Pray IA
Constant contact - newsletter, small gifts, gift cards VA GA
Notes from kids at camp VA MA CT
Group photo of kids at camp and made post cards MA
Camp picture - put note at bottom and put in magnet sleeve (CHEAP) CT
Write personal thank you notes VA
Top 40-50 donors get a written note once or twice a year VA
Post cards from any trips taken (new staff training, etc.) more personal donors VA
Campaigner kids are given an example and they use it to write 2-3 thank yous each
great response from recipients) VA
Hand deliver hand written notes GA
Take pictures of kids, put in nice engraved frame with logo on it CA
Made cards that had a collage on the front of the kids - with a thank you note inside written by
the kids TX VA
Put testimony from kids in the newsletter VA
Special thank you section in one of our newsletters VA
One thank you card from a committee upon receipt of check or money
(get a person or two that wants to make this their job) Monthly donors only get one 2-3 times a year VA
Special thank you section in one of our newsletters VA
A general thank you letter from the committee confirming pledge after the banquet, signed with a note VA
Committee lady handwrites thank you notes to every donor every month OH
$300 a year thank 7 times
they are responsible for being contact person for that person NH
Poinsettias at Christmas time hand delivered to top 25 donors VA
Hand deliver Christmas gifts by leader and a kid (homemade Chai, ornament etc.)
A lot of donors welcomed them in to chat VA
Made a local calendar with pictures of kids and sent to top 300 donors TX
Have kids deliver cookie trays CA
Christmas cards to everyone - a leadership christmas picture from Wal-mart VA
Some don’t send Christmas cards because they already receive so many
Hand deliver a gift on Valentine’s day KS
We took 50 dozen cookies to our top businesses and top donors just to say thank you VA
We Sent out Valentine’s - ‘thanks for loving kids’ VA
Bring them baskets with candy and a picture of the kids with a thank you on the back IA WA
Hand deliver bread (big impact) TX
Regional - deliver cherries to donors CA
End of fiscal year (September) send a gift of $5 or less (book, cd, picture of kids in a frame) NJ
Give YL “thank you” coffee mugs [where the “thank you” shows up after you fill w/something hot] VA
Give small tin of YL-staff-homemade chocolate covered pretzels VA
Something in donors hands every month - rubber bracelets..kids going to camp put on as a reminder to pray
Important people remember birthdays & anniversaries
Big auction fundraiser - don’t spend money..make something personal
2 dozen assorted cookies CA
Committee - took a percentage of donors and delivered something everyday for 1 week
cookies, movie tickets (resources of the committee) People were blown away!
Personal knocks from 7 different people in a row IN
Invite them to personal events such as bowl-a-thon, dodge ball tournament, etc IL
Make it a point to get together with donors on a regular basis VA
Contact work with key donors (personal lunch goes a long way) VA
Small luncheons of eight-ten with kid testimony VA
Take them to lunch or breakfast - some bring a kid with them and let the kid thank them also  
Make a picture book that includes notes from kids and give it to the donor during lunch  
Have a thank you dinner for top donors and committee. Make it casual and kids can help during the dinner - this is just to thank - not to ask for money  

**VA FL TX**

A donor dessert was prepared, but most donors could not make it  

**NJ**

Bring donors to club leadership meetings (to listen or to be the speaker)  
Invite them to club  
Some donors are invited to the office to look at pictures and watch a video  

**KY WY KS**

Going through a list and calling a couple donors each week just to say thanks and give them a story about Jesus changing the lives of teenagers  
Donor call-a-thon - teenagers meet with leaders at one location and bring their cell phones - each teenager calls 10 donors, explains who they are and thanks them  
Do a call-a-thon every year at Thanksgiving - Committee makes the calls and does not ask for money - they just thank the donors  

**VA NJ NY VA**

Fundraiser mailing for a sound system - after the money was raised a picture was taken of the kids in front of the sound system. The picture was framed and the kids signed the mat that went around the picture. They were wrapped, a hand written thank you note was included and they were delivered to each house that sent money for the sound system  

**VA**

We thank committee members by taking all the notecards kids write on the bus home from camp thanking donors and make copies of all of them and put them in a little bound folder with a letter from the AD thanking committee for all their hard work. Committee love it and leave and read every note from kid! Simple and cheap way to thank committee!  

**VA**