



Adopting Business Practices

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Hi, my name is David Hogg and I am in first grade. I live in the Charlotte, North Carolina area. I am a “Kid with Character” (according to the award I received at school this year, anyway). I’m a straight A student and I love to read. I also like to learn about computers. My little brother, Jake, and my dog, Blue, are my best friends. I love all sports, but especially baseball and soccer. You can tell when I win because there is usually a big smile on my face. I have the most fun, though, when I am helping people.

Even though I am only 6 ½ years old, I started a fund raiser to help raise money for my new cousin Bin. Bin is 10 years old and he is deaf. He has been waiting his entire life for a family and now he is being adopted from China by my Aunt Lisa and Uncle Mike. I wanted to help them, because adoption is expensive. Three months ago I sold brownies in our front yard and made \$180 (I was excited when some people left money, but didn’t take a brownie, because then I could earn more to help Bin!) We had three more bake sales at a shopping center near my home and made more and more each time.

Then I created a website (with the help of my Mom) called www.boys4hire.info. Everyone uses computers, so I knew we could get the word out about Bin to people we didn’t even know. I told everyone I could think of about our website and asked them to pass it on.

We’ve gotten money and emails from people all over the world and I like finding the different places on the globe. We’ve even had some famous people donate, like Candace Cameron from the TV show Full House, author Karen Kingsbury, Whitney Houston’s rep and even Congresswoman Sue Myrick! When I received \$38 from my classmates at school, I almost ran out of breath when I got off the school bus to tell my mom. Boy, was I proud, because I was helping kids my own age see that giving makes you feel really good.

We made a chart to follow our fund raising progress and since we have been receiving money almost every day, seeing the graph grow is the best! We have \$3,000 so far and have until the end of February 2008 to make our goal of \$10,000. I know we can reach it as long as we keep trying and don’t give up! □