

“Jamming on the Job”

Episode 12: Fundraiser

[PBS KIDS music]

PBS KIDS Announcer: From your friends at PBS KIDS.

[Crowd chattering, glasses clinking, microphone feedback]

Christina: Thank you so much for being here at our concert.

Andrés: Come on everybody, sing along! Hit it, BoomBox!

[Applause. Music: Jamming on the Job theme song]

Christina, Andrés, and BoomBox: (singing)

Jamming on the Job

Ja, Jamming

Jamming on the Job

Wooh Ooh

I'm Christina,

Y yo soy Andrés

And we play music

All over the states

We jam and learn

With people who

Work in jobs

They love to do!

If we get stuck

Or something goes wrong
An expert helps us
And we write a song!

[BoomBox beats]
Hey...Go BoomBox...¡Vamos!

Jamming on the Job
Ja, Jamming
Jamming on the Job
Wooh Ooh

[Crowd Cheering. Motown music]

Christina: Good evening, Detroit!

BoomBox: DETROIT! GOOD EVENING DETROIT, YEAH, YEAH!

Andrés: We're so excited to be here in this amazing city, the birthplace of Motown! It's an honor to perform for you at this fundraising event for a very special organization called Music for the Kids!

BoomBox: BIRTHPLACE OF MOTOWN! MUSIC FOR THE KIDS! MUSIC, MUSIC FOR THE KIDS!

[Crowd cheering]

Christina: We hope you enjoyed our opening number, which is also the theme song of our podcast,

Christina and Andrés: (singing) Jamming on the Job! [Christina laughs]

BoomBox: JAMMING ON THE JOB! WOOH!

[Crowd cheers]

Andrés: It's great to have you all here tonight, and to have all of our Jam Fam listening at home! ¡Hola, Jam Fam!

BoomBox: ¡HOLA, JAM FAM!

Christina: Jam Fam, some of you might be wondering what a fundraising event is. Well, it's an event where people get together to fundraise, or raise money, for a cause to help others!

[Crowd cheers]

Christina: We'll be back to play more music later, but right now it's our pleasure to welcome to the stage the host and organizer of tonight's event, and the director of fundraising for Music for the Kids. Give it up for...

Christina and Andrés: Cedric!

[Motown music]

BoomBox: CEDRIC, CEDRIC, CEDRIC!

Cedric: Aww, thank you so much for that wonderful introduction, Christina, Andrés and BoomBox! [Applause] It's an honor to be here with all of you as we work to raise money to support the amazing Detroit organization, Music for the Kids, providing musical opportunities for the kids of Detroit and beyond!

BoomBox: MUSIC, MUSIC FOR THE KIDS!

[Crowd cheering]

Cedric: Exactly! Thank you BoomBox. We're all about helping kids to play, learn, and appreciate music. Music makes a big difference in kids' lives. That's why tonight, our goal is to raise \$10,000 to fund after-school piano

lessons for the students of Detroit Eastside Elementary! Some of those students are here tonight!

[Crowd cheering]

Cedric: Yeah that's right! So, you can contribute money live to our fundraising website from your phones, or the tablets around the room. Let's take a look on the big screen behind me and see how much we've raised so far!

[Drum roll, ascending slide whistle, cash register ding]

Cedric: \$2,000! [Crowd cheers] That's amazing! We're hoping to raise \$10,000 by the end of the night, money that will go towards music books, studio space, and last but definitely not least, piano teachers! So, if we're starting with \$2,000, and we want to reach \$10,000, we have... how much left to go?

Kids in Audience: \$8,000!

Cedric: Bingo! We have \$8,000 left to go. I know that might sound like a lot, but I believe that together we can do it, if we contribute to it!

BoomBox: TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT, IF WE CONTRIBUTE TO IT! WE CAN DO IT, IF WE CONTRIBUTE TO IT!

Cedric: Oh yes, BoomBox! It's so wonderful to be here with you all as a community. I know we can have a lot of fun while we're here. In fact, I like to say that I put the FUN in fundraiser! [laughter from Cedric and crowd] Alright so go ahead, grab some refreshments, check out our raffle ticket station and silent auction items, and above all, enjoy yourselves! And remember, every dollar you spend here tonight goes to supporting Music for the Kids! It's going to be an amazing night. I'll be back up onstage here soon. Remember, together we can do it, if we contribute to it!

BoomBox: TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT, IF WE CONTRIBUTE TO IT. WE CAN DO IT, IF WE CONTRIBUTE TO IT!

Cedric: Christina! Andrés! Boombox! Let's chat more backstage.

Christina: Oh, okay! Come on, let's go Jam Fam.

Andrés: Vamos, vamos. ¡Espérame!

[footsteps]

Christina: Cedric, that was amazing!

Cedric: (laughs) Hey, thank you so much! I'm so happy you three are here.

Andrés: We are too!

Cedric: Hey, and I so appreciate the hype, BoomBox! Thanks for backing me up, my guy!

BoomBox: HYPE HYPE HYPE HYPE HYPE!

[all laugh]

Andrés: Who are all these people at the event tonight, Cedric?

Cedric: Well, look over there. Do you see the people in red t-shirts and black blazers? [Christina: Uh-huh...] Those folks are my team members here at Music for the Kids.

Andrés: Huh! And what do they do? ¿Qué hacen?

Cedric: Well, each team member does something a little different. Together they help with things like writing, design, outreach, scheduling, and organizing events like this, all of which helps us to help our community!

Christina: Oh cool!

Cedric: Yeah, and there are also kids here from Eastside Elementary, along with some of their teachers and guardians.

Andrés: ¡Sí! We saw them cheering! They seem so excited about the piano lessons!

Cedric: I know, isn't it great? [Christina: ¡Sí!] Most of the other guests are part of the local community here, in Detroit. There are teachers, musicians, government officials, and other folks who want to help the community, just like us. And I know lots of people here love music, too, and that's SUPER important!

Andrés: Ooooh yes, a nosotros también nos encanta la música. [Christina: Mm-hmm!] But why is that important for the event?

Cedric: Well, when I ask people to contribute money, it's important that I find a good match between what they like and what we are trying to support. That way, they feel excited about helping out a cause they feel passionate about!

Christina: Well with this great group of people you've got here tonight, it should be easy to raise the money you need for the after-school piano lessons.

Cedric: Well, you know honestly, you never know. Sometimes people just aren't quite ready to contribute, even if they like the cause.

Andrés: Really? Why not?

Cedric: Well, people like to help out, but there are a lot of good causes to support in our community.

Andrés: That's true! Like the food and winter clothing drive that I saw on the way here!

Christina: Or the animal shelter we saw that was raising money to build a new play area for the puppies!

Andrés: ¡Perritos! (pants and barks)

Cedric: Exactly! So it's our job to make sure we let people know how meaningful OUR cause is.

Christina: That makes sense. So what happens if you don't reach the goal tonight?

Cedric: (sighs) To be honest, if we don't reach our goal, then the after-school piano lessons simply won't happen. [Andrés: Aww!] I mean, that might not sound like a big deal to some, but I just can't imagine where I'd be if I didn't have music in my life. [Christina: Mmm-hmm!] As a kid, it helped me find my purpose, my passion, and my confidence.

Andrés: A mí también me cambió la vida, Cedric. Music changed my life, too! It would be such a shame if the kids here didn't get the same chance.

Cedric: (sighs) Yeah, it would. But hey! I'm staying positive, and doing everything I can to make it happen!

Christina: Yes, together we can do it!

BoomBox: TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT, IF WE CONTRIBUTE TO IT! WE CAN DO IT, IF WE CONTRIBUTE TO IT!

Andrés: ¡Juntos!

Cedric: Hear, hear! Oh, hey, will you three excuse me for a moment?
[Andrés: Okay.] I see a city council member I should say hello to, and I can see the refreshments table is running low on dip!

Christina: Oh yes, please go ahead. Uh, do your thing!

Cedric: Thank you!

Andrés: I wish there was something more we could do to help Cedric reach the goal tonight... unless [record scratch]... un momento... Christina, are you thinking what I'm thinking?

Christina: ¡Sí Andrés! I think I am thinking what you're thinking.

Andrés: BoomBox, do YOU think you're thinking what I'm thinking?

BoomBox: THINKING WHAT I'M THINKING, WHAT I'M THINKING, WHAT I'M THINKING, WHAT I'M THINKING!

Christina and Andrés: We've got a job to jam on!

BoomBox: WE'VE GOT A JOB TO JAM ON, MOTOWN STYLE!
MOTOWN!

Christina: This is great! If we write a new song about being a fundraiser, maybe it can help Cedric reach tonight's goal!

Andrés: Yes! I hope it's still possible!

Christina: BoomBox, what do you say?

BoomBox: TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT, IF WE CONTRIBUTE TO IT! WE CAN DO IT, IF WE CONTRIBUTE TO IT!

Andrés: Oh yeah! And we'll all contribute to it! Y BoomBox, ¿puedes grabar? Can you get some of these fundraising sounds?

BoomBox: GETTING THESE FUNDRAISING SOUNDS!

[BoomBox looping and sampling sounds from the fundraising event]

BoomBox: SOUNDS RECORDED!

Andrés: Oh look! Cedric is heading back onstage!

[Applause]

Cedric: Alrighty, folks! Attention please! If I may have your attention for just a moment, let's take a look on the big screen behind me and see if we're any closer to our \$10,000 goal.

[Drum roll, ascending slide whistle, cash register ding]

Cedric: We are now at \$5,000 dollars, the official halfway point! Oh! We're halfway there!

[Crowd hoots and hollers]

Cedric: Alright, to celebrate our progress, I'm pleased to present to you now the Detroit Jazz Trio! [Cheers] I happen to know for a fact that all three of these musicians took piano lessons as kids. Not just the piano player! I hope their wonderful music inspires more of you to contribute tonight and support Music for the Kids!

[Jazz trio playing. Ascending slide whistles, cash register dings, and applause]

Andrés: Whoa, Jam Fam! I wish you could see this refreshments table. I've never seen so many snacks and so many different kinds of dip!

Cedric: We aim to please!

Andrés: (laughs) Hey Cedric! Is fundraising a new thing for you? Or did you always like it?

Cedric: Oh, fundraising goes way back for me. All the way back to the stuff I loved doing as a kid.

Christina: What do you mean?

Cedric: Well, so much of my job is about getting people together and talking to them. I always loved that. When I was seven, I organized a dinosaur fan club with my friends. [Andrés: Huh!] We read dinosaur books, and played with dinosaur toys, and had contests for the best dinosaur noises!

Andrés: That is probably the awesomest thing I have ever heard!

Cedric: You're not wrong my friend. So yeah, just getting people together around a common interest and getting them excited about it... all that came really naturally to me.

Christina: Oh, I love that. It's kind of like how we get the Jam Fam together around our music and podcast! Right, Jam Fam?

Cedric: Precisely! And then when I got a little older, I realized I can get people together not just for fun, but to help others!

Andrés: ¡Súper!

Cedric: I helped organize a coat drive for local people who needed them, [Andrés: Hmm!] and I started a bake sale to raise money for families who needed help affording books.

Christina: Wow, so you were a fundraiser all along!

Cedric: Yeah, looking back, that's what I've come to realize! I just really hope I can raise the funds we need tonight. I'd so hate to let all the kids at Eastside Elementary down. [Christina: Hmm...] These piano lessons would make all the difference in the world to them.

Christina: We believe it, Cedric. And we want to do everything we can to help.

Andrés: In fact, we've got a surprise in the works!

Cedric: A surprise? You've already done so much!

Andrés: Nah, it's really our pleasure. We were thinking... That we could share a brand new song, all about your job as a fundraiser!

Cedric: (laughs) That would be incredible! I bet that could really help people to get excited about this cause.

Christina: Ojalá que sí... I hope so!

Andrés: Yay!

[Jazz trio playing. Ascending slide whistles, cash register dings, and applause]

Andrés: Ooh, I like jazz! Yeah!

[Music continues]

Andrés: Jam Fam, it's almost the end of the night!

BoomBox: END OF THE NIGHT. FUN, FUN, FUN FUNDRAISER... DOO DOO WAH!

[Applause]

Cedric: (at microphone) Alright everyone, our time here together is drawing to a close. I hope you've had as much fun as I have! [Audience affirms]
Let's check in and see how our progress is going towards our fundraising goal.

[Drum roll, ascending slide whistle, cash register ding]

Cedric: Alright! We're now at \$9,000. Kids, how much more do we need to reach our \$10,000 goal?

Kids in Audience: \$1,000!

Cedric: That's right! We've gotten to one-two-three-four-five-six-seven-eight \$9,000! Only one thousand left to go!

[Applause]

Cedric: Well, I so appreciate all your generosity so far. But whether or not we reach our goal, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for being here tonight and supporting Music for the Kids. But I'm still hopeful that somehow, someday, in these final minutes, together we can do it.

BoomBox: TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT, IF WE CONTRIBUTE TO IT! WE CAN DO IT, IF WE CONTRIBUTE TO IT!

Cedric: (laughs) Thanks, BoomBox, and perfect timing! Friends, we have one more surprise for you. It's my pleasure to welcome back to the stage one last time, the amazing Christina, Andrés, and BoomBox!

[Applause]

Christina: Thanks so much everyone. It's been so great to be here with you tonight, and so inspiring to see Cedric put the FUN in fundraising.

Andrés: Cedric taught us tonight how important it is to get people passionate about the causes you believe in.

Christina: Exactamente. And we couldn't be more passionate about this cause, because it's near and dear to our own hearts as musicians.

Andrés: Yeah!

Christina: We wrote this song tonight about Cedric and the power of his work. We hope you enjoy it, and that it might move some of you to help us cross the fundraising finish line tonight. ¡Gracias!

Andrés: Alright, this is a groovy, brand new song. It's called "I'm a Fun Fundraiser."

[Applause]

Christina, Andrés, and BoomBox: (singing)

Fun fundraiser, a fundraiser, yeah!

We're having so much fun today

We're going to raise some funds today, hey hey hey!

I'm a fun fundraiser

Helping our community be greater

'Cause when people show some generosity (generosity)

It makes an impact on our community

In the winter there are people who need sweaters

If we could buy them we could make their lives better!

I've got a goal and some persistence

We'll fundraise and make a difference

I'm a fun fundraiser
Helping our community be greater
'Cause when people show some generosity (generosity)
It makes an impact on our community

We can raise money for lots of good causes
Like planting trees to save the rainforest
Or piano lessons for young artists
I love to help and be of service
'Cause I'm a...

I'm a fun fundraiser
Helping our community be greater
'Cause when people show some generosity (generosity)
It makes an impact on our community

Christina: (spoken) Today, we have a very good cause!

Andrés: (spoken) We're raising money so kids can have piano lessons after school.

Christina: (spoken) I hope you'll choose to make a contribution!

We can raise money for lots of good causes
Like a school that needs to buy some new buses
And the food bank and the shelter
I'm a fundraiser, a helper
And I'm a...

Fun fundraiser, a fundraiser
Fun fundraiser, a fundraiser

Christina: (spoken) Wow! We are so close to meeting our goal for today's fundraiser. Remember, we're raising money so that students can have piano lessons, and we only need a thousand more dollars... Can anybody

else contribute? [cash register ding, gasp] Thank you!

I'm a fun fundraiser

Helping our community be greater

'Cause when people show some generosity (generosity)

It makes an impact on our community

Fun fundraiser, a fundraiser

Fun fundraiser, a fundraiser

We're going to have so much fun today!

We're going to raise some funds today!

Fun fundraiser!

[Ascending slide whistle, cash register ding, applause]

Cedric: Wow! That was amazing! I know it inspired me! Now, let's look at the screen and...

[Drum roll, ascending slide whistle, cash register ding]

Cedric: Oh. Oh no. We're at \$9,995, just five dollars away from our \$10,000 goal. Aww, we were so close! Aw, well hey, we did our best, so I just want to thank—

[Slide whistle, cash register ding]

Christina: Wait! Cedric, another donation just came in!

[Slide whistle, cash register ding]

Andrés: And another!

[Slide whistle, cash register ding]

BoomBox: AND ANOTHER!

[Slide whistle, cash register ding]

Christina: Look! Now the screen says 11,372 dollars

Andrés: and 65 cents!

Christina: What does that mean?

Cedric: Holy moly, it means we did it!

Christina and Andrés: Yeah! ¡Lo hicimos! Yes!

[Crowd cheering, Motown music]

Andrés: Wooh wooh, happy dance! Wooh wooh, happy dance!

Cedric: This means that the kids of Eastside Elementary will get their after-school piano lessons!

Andrés: Wow! Piano lessons for everybody! YOU get piano lessons, and YOU get piano lessons, and... no sorry, only the children. Sorry! I got excited...

[Laughter]

Cedric: And with that extra one thousand, three hundred seventy-two dollars and sixty-five cents, we can also afford some keyboards for the students to take home and practice on!

[Applause]

Cedric: I'm so grateful to all of you for helping us to make these dreams come true for Music for the Kids!

BoomBox: MUSIC FOR THE KIDS! MUSIC, MUSIC FOR THE KIDS!

Cedric: Ah, and BoomBox, Christina, Andrés, thank you for helping to get us all inspired and excited for this cause. You proved that together we can do it, if we contribute to it!

BoomBox: TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT, IF WE CONTRIBUTE TO IT. WE CAN DO IT, IF WE CONTRIBUTE TO IT.

Andrés: Thank you so much, Cedric. And thank you Jam Fam for listening with us. Eh, now, Cedric [Cedric: Uh-huh?] how would you and the crowd feel about a little encore?

[Crowd cheering]

Cedric: We'd love it!

Christina: At the end of our podcast, we like to express our thanks, and give credit where credit is due.

Andrés: So without further ado, BoomBox, please do that thing that you do so well!

BoomBox / Pierce Freelon: (singing and rapping)

Oooh Jamming on the Job

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Christina and Andrés: ¡Hasta pronto!

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