



Video chats are a great way to stay connected with friends and family. As with any social media platform, use with caution since security can sometimes be compromised. Here is a list of platform options you can explore for your fundraising event:

Zoom

Access: <https://zoom.us/>

Max participants: Free Plan - Host up to 100 participants, 40 mins limit on group meetings

Instructions:

1. You can sign up for a free Zoom account (<https://zoom.us/signup>)
2. Schedule your meeting (<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362413-How-Do-I-Schedule-Meetings->)
3. Invite others to join (<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362183-How-Do-I-Invite-Others-To-Join-a-Meeting->)

Facebook Messenger

Access: Download App on your phone

Max participants: Group video chat on Messenger allows you to see up to 6 people at a time, but up to 50 people can join a call

Instructions:

Android, iPhone and iPad:

1. Download Messenger App
2. From Chats, open a group conversation with the people you want to video chat with.
3. Tap the Video Icon.

Windows:

1. Open Facebook, go to Chats
2. Open the conversation with the person or group you want to video chat.
3. Click the Video Icon.
4. To end a video call, tap the red telephone icon.



Skype

Access: Online <https://www.skype.com/> or download the App on your phone

Max participants: 50 people

Instructions:

1. Download Skype on your desktop or phone app, <https://www.skype.com/>
2. Open Skype on your computer and log in.
3. Start a chat.
4. Add other contacts to the conversation. Click the plus (+) icon the upper left-hand area of the Conversation panel and choose "Add People" from the drop-down list to open the "Add People" sub-window.
5. Pick out the names of the people you'd like to include in the group video call from the left-hand panel of the Add People sub-window and click the "Select" button right at the bottom to move these names to the right panel.
6. Once you've chosen all the people you want to participate in the group video call, click the "Add" button on the lower right corner of the Add People sub-window to complete your selection.
7. Start the group video call. After picking out your friends and adding them to the chat, click the "Call" button at the top of the Conversation panel to begin the group video call.

Google Hangouts

Access: Computer or App on your phone

Max participants: Free group video call with up to 10 friends

Mobile Instructions:

1. Download the Google Hangouts app and open it on your phone.
2. Allow the app to access your Google account.
3. Tap the "+" symbol in the green circle at the bottom right corner of the screen.
4. Type in contact you wish to reach, or hit "New group" and enter multiple people.
5. Start a text chat, or hit the camera icon for a video call, or the phone icon for a phone call.

Desktop Instructions:

1. Log into your Google account, then type: "hangouts.google.com" into the browser bar at the top of the screen.
2. Click through the intro screen until you land on your Hangouts homepage, which will have a list of any ongoing chats on the left and will offer you three options in the center of the page, "Video Call," "Phone Call," and "Message."



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3. Click the option you want, then type the phone number to call, or the contact you want to video chat or message into the search bar that pops up on the top left corner of the screen (if you are reaching out to someone who is not yet a contact, type in their email address).
4. If you want to message several people at once, instead of entering the contact to text, click "New group" and then enter a series of contact names, emails, or phone numbers.

FaceTime

Access: For Apple users only. FaceTime App found on your iPhone or iPad, you need iOS 12.1.4 or later

Max participants: You can add up to 32 people to a Group FaceTime call.

Instructions:

1. Start a Group FaceTime call from the FaceTime app
2. Go to Settings > FaceTime, and make sure that FaceTime is on.
3. Open FaceTime and tap the Add button in the top-right corner.
4. Enter the name of your contacts, phone numbers, or emails.
5. To start your FaceTime call, tap Audio or Video.

What's App

Access: Download App on your phone

Max participants: 4 people video chat

Instructions:

1. Open WhatsApp. Navigate to the Home screen and select the "Calls" button.
2. Press the "Call" icon in the top right corner. This will take you to your contacts.
3. Scroll down and select a contact to call. Press their name to call them.
4. Press the "Add Participant" button in the top right corner.
5. Select the third participant. Confirm that you want to add them to the call.