



FUNdraising Ideas

Party Ideas

Children's Party – What do Buzz Lightyear, Dora the Explorer and Big Bird all have in common? Kids love them! Throw a party, wear a costume and pop in a Toy Story movie for the kids to enjoy. The kids will be so distracted and happy that their parents will actually have a chance to write you donation checks – and the parents will be so grateful for their momentarily distracted and happy kids, they'll be relaxed enough to start writing donation checks!

Cocktail Party – Throw a "donate to the cause" cocktail party (checkbooks required).

Game Night – Do you miss the good ole days of Scrabble and Monopoly? Bring out the board games, charge at the door, break into teams and let the fun begin!

Garage Band anyone? – Party like a rockstar and invite your friends for a Garage Band tourney. Charge admission and then get prizes donated for the winners. All proceeds go to your pocket!

Royal Flush – Call up your serious (or not-so-serious) card-playin' friends and invite them over for poker night.

Movie Night – Pick up a new flick at your local movie store, make some popcorn, pick up some soda and invite your friends and family over for movie night. Of course have your donation forms ready to go!

Decade Party! – Who doesn't want to relive the 60s, 70s, 80s and now....90s!! Hold a theme party for a bunch of your friends and their friends. Donation: \$30 per person. Spend no more than \$10 per person on the food and you'll have \$20 per person or more to take away that night.

Wine and Cheese Evening – This event requires a budget. If possible, recruit local suppliers to provide cheese and wine. Sell tickets in advance (checks made payable to the CT Challenge) and donate proceeds to CT Challenge. For those enthusiastic and knowledgeable wine aficionados, each table could have a theme, such as a particular wine-growing or cheese-producing region.

Silent Auction – (this can be combined with any party above) Put together a

weekend getaway: a nice bottle of wine, a B&B stay, donated concert tickets, museum tickets or play tickets. Then, hold a silent auction for the items. You can either send out email bid forms or have bidders submit a printed form. The highest bid wins the prize and all proceeds go toward your CT Challenge fundraising. It's a win-win situation!

Battle of the Bands Party – Do you have friends who can play piano, guitar or sing really well? Ask the owner of a neighborhood bar to let you bring friends in one night for great cocktails and great music. Charge at the door and let patrons know it's a fundraising event benefiting the CT Challenge.