



# HOST A FUNDRAISING PARTY

Thank you for your interest in hosting a fundraiser to celebrate the children at Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley.

You pick the date, theme, menu and fun. Invite your guests to join in by attending your party (in-person or online) and making a donation in return.

#### What does a host need to do?

Host your friends, family or small social pod at your house or virtually. You choose the date, guest list, menu and activities. Select a theme from our past 39 years of Children's Showcases or pick your own! (see page 2 for suggestions)

Set the date and the details that work best for you. We ask that you consider hosting before the end of April, but this timeframe is flexible.

#### What resources are provided?

As a host, you contribute the food, drinks, decor and partyware of your choice.

We will provide you with invitations to share with your guests, a set of scratch-off lottery tickets to use as party favors or raffle items, information about Easterseals and access to the Children's Showcase YouTube Channel for up to 15 people.

### What is the expectation?

Hosts commit to raising a minimum of \$400 from their party attendees. You provide the food, drinks and fun and ask each guest to make a donation in return.

You can collect contributions at your party and we can also help you set up a Facebook fundraiser or donation page to collect donations online.

We are depending on our Children's Showcase to help us raise more than \$40,000 for therapy services and programs at Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley. All funds raised will ensure children continue to receive the safe and vital therapy services they need.

## Need a party idea?

Many seasonal events make great party themes for adults, children or families. Ask yourself if any of your existing annual gatherings could double as a fundraiser. These could include a Halloween party, holiday cookie decorating, hotdog roast, Valentine making party, etc.

Prefer to host virtually? We can suggest ways to bring your party to life online and you and your guests can tune into the Showcase YouTube channel together.

see next page for ideas ----

# Play it safe

If you're making plans to host in person, please be sure you are monitoring and following all local and state guidelines related to social gatherings and COVID-19 safety precautions. Thank you!

# I'M READY TO HOST! HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Click HERE or visit eastersealsdfvr.org/showcase to sign up.

# THEME & PARTY IDEAS

Select a theme from our past 39 years of Children's Showcases or choose your own!

Create an experience that works best for you and resonates with your guests. We've offered some ideas to get your wheels turning, but don't feel limited by this list. Keep it simple or go all out. Host on your own or team up with neighbors and friends. Feel free to bounce around ideas with us. Anything goes!

#### Draw inspiration from a past theme or choose your own!

1981	Never Believe in Never
1982	Sealed with a Kiss
1983	Fall
1984	Look to the Rainbow
1985	From the Heart
1986	Happiness is
1987	Reach for the Stars
1988	You are my Sunshine
1989	Believe the Impossible
1990	You are the Wind Benea

ath my Wings 1991 Somewhere Over the Rainbow

1992 Happy Birthday

1993 On the Good Ship Lollipop 1994 The Little Engine that Could

1995 Wish Upon a Star

1996 Reach!

1997 Give Ability a Chance 1998 Because you Loved Me

1999 Celebrating the Millennium 2000 Reach for the Stars

2001 Angels Among Us

**Golden Treasures** 2002 Oh the Places We'll Go!

2003 2004 Hugs from the Heart

2005 Hats Off to the Kids

2006 **Sweet Surprises** 

2007 **Precious Gems of Easterseals** 

2008 The Story of Us

2009 **Easterseals Superstars** 

2010 Come & Play

2011 Spreading Our Wings

2012 Look What's Cooking 2013

Making a Masterpiece 2014 Rock 'n Roll Sock Hop

2015 Come Build with Us

2016 Roll Out the Red Carpet

2017 When I Grow Up 2018 **Explore** 

2019 Color Me Happy

#### **Party Ideas**

#### Fun for All

· Sunday Football Party

· Bring your Pet Party

· Outdoor Movie Night

· Bonfire & Hotdog Roast

· Pig Roast

· Arts & Crafts

#### For the Grown Ups

· Wine/Beer Tasting with Food Pairings

· Garden Brunch

· Formal Dinner Party

· 80's Prom

· Round Robin in your Neighborhood

#### **Kid Friendly**

· Backyard Canvas Painting

· Field Day/Sports Contests/Bike Races

· Block Party Bounce House Event

· Outdoor Concert or Talent Show

#### Virtual

· Karaoke Sing-a-long

· Guided Cocktail Creation with a Mixologist

· Trivia

· Game Night

· Scavenger Hunt in Your Home

· Virtual Flower Arranging Instruction

#### Seasonal

· Halloween Costume Party or Parade

· Caramel Apple Dipping & Pumpkin Decorating

· Friendsaivina

· Cookie Decorating

· Gift Wrapping Party

New Year's Eve Bash

· St. Patrick's Day Celebration

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# **OUESTIONS?**