

Host a Themed Party or Dinner Fundraiser in Support of Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis



The Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis organization has been serving women and children of the community to keep them free of domestic abuse and sexual violence for nearly forty years. At WIC, services and programs are offered equitably and at no cost for women and children in need of safety and support. The programs offered to women and their children are to provide them with options for healthy, safe and independent living regardless of race, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, socio-economic status and/or ability. These services provide women with safe housing, legal assistance, immediate advice via 24 hour crisis line, counselling, outreach to rural areas and many other invaluable services which help women and children in the community thrive. WIC offers extensive resources to those who utilize our services to educate and empower them, and to assist their navigation through the social world.

Why Host a Themed Party or Dinner?

A themed party or dinner fundraiser is a fun way to get people in the community together and appeals to a wide audience. It is also a great opportunity to bring attention to both the third party supporter(s) and the beneficiary organization (WIC). The purpose of third party fundraising events such as a party or dinner fundraiser is to create revenue to be donated to WIC to make an impactful difference in the lives of local women and children.

Tips to Ensure Your Event is a Success

- Gather a committee to organize the event and coordinate the tasks
- Set a date, find a venue
- Come up with an estimate of how many guests will be attending the event
- Get the word out well in advance to ensure as many people attend your event as possible
- Decide whether you will be serving dinner or just hosting a party
 - If the event is a dinner, you will need to book catering and also ensure the venue has the space needed to serve dinner
- Other considerations for the event may be to book a band or DJ for entertainment

Themes

- Casino Night
- Masquerade Ball
- Pick a decade as a theme
 - Example: Roaring 20's or 80's Dance Party
- Choose a holiday and centre the event around that
 - Example: Christmas party or Halloween dress up event

How to Raise Funds

- Sell tickets to the event ahead of time
 - Request guests make a minimum donation as the price of the ticket
- Incorporate another fundraising activity into your event such as a 50/50 draw, raffle, or silent auction

If hosting a themed party or dinner fundraiser in support of Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis interests you, please fill out our **'Third Party Fundraising Interest Form'** available on our website. We thank you and appreciate your generous support in assisting us in building communities where women and children live free of violence.