



## 15 Ways You Can Help Raise Funds to Support Tri-County United Way

### **1. Dinner Party with a Donation**

Host a themed dinner or potluck and ask guests to make a donation in lieu of bringing food or gifts. You can include a short presentation or video about Tri-County United Way's mission.

### **2. Backyard Movie Night**

Set up an outdoor projector or TV and show a popular movie. Sell tickets or snacks, with proceeds going to Tri-County United Way. Consider a “suggested donation” instead of a fixed price.

### **3. Garage Sale for Good**

Declutter your home and host a yard or garage sale, letting people know all proceeds will support Tri-County United Way. You can also invite neighbors to contribute items for the sale.

### **4. Game Night Tournament**

Organize a board game, card game, or video game tournament with an entry fee. Offer a small prize for the winner and donate the rest to Tri-County United Way.

### **5. Cook-Off or Bake-Off Challenge**

Invite friends to compete in a chili cook-off, pie baking contest, or similar food competition. Charge an entry or tasting fee, and have guests vote on their favorites.

### **6. Craft or Paint Night**

Host a DIY craft, paint-and-sip, or art night. Provide supplies or ask attendees to bring their own. Charge a participation fee that goes toward your fundraiser.

### **7. Home Concert or Open Mic Night**

If you or your friends are musically inclined, turn your living room or backyard into a mini venue. Ask for donations as entry or pass the hat during performances.

### **8. Wine or Beer Tasting**

Partner with a local vendor or use your own selection to host a tasting event. Guests can make a donation to sample and enjoy a casual evening while supporting Tri-County United Way.

### **9. Fitness or Wellness Class**

Offer a yoga, meditation, or fitness class in your home or backyard. You can lead it yourself if you're qualified or invite a local instructor to volunteer their time for a good cause.

### **10. Themed Costume or Trivia Party**

Choose a fun theme (like decades, pop culture, or holidays) and invite guests to dress up. Include a trivia contest or costume competition, with an entry fee supporting Tri-County United Way.

### **11. Silent Auction Night**

Gather donated items or services (like homemade crafts, gift baskets, or local business vouchers) and host a silent auction in your home. Guests write bids on sheets, and the highest bidder wins — with all proceeds going to Tri-County United Way.

### **12. Storytelling or Book Club Event**

Host a themed storytelling night or book club discussion. Choose a book with a message that aligns with Tri-County United Way's mission and ask for a donation to attend. You could even invite a local author or speaker to boost interest.

### **13. Pet Party or Pet Photo Contest**

Invite guests to bring their pets for a fun backyard “paw-ty.” Include a small donation fee and set up mini competitions (best trick, best costume, etc.). Alternatively, host an online pet photo contest with an entry fee and prizes.

### **14. DIY Workshop or Skills Class**

If you have skills such as cooking, woodworking, gardening, or photography — offer a mini home workshop or class. Charge a small donation as the registration fee.

### **15. Host a “Giving Tree” or Wish Wall**

Set up a decorative tree or bulletin board with tags representing donation amounts or specific needs supported by Tri-County United Way (e.g., “\$25 = school supplies for a child”). Guests can choose a tag to donate and feel a tangible connection to the cause.