



Host for **Hope**

How you can throw a 'party with a purpose' to help kids thrive

FACS NIAGARA 
FOUNDATION 



HELP CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVED BY FACS NIAGARA **THRIVE.**

WHAT IS HOST FOR HOPE?

Host for Hope is a way for FACS Niagara Foundation friends, volunteers, donors, and staff to get involved in our mission by hosting a party or gathering to help children and youth in Niagara thrive.

Due to the rapidly growing needs of those we serve at FACS Niagara, we thank you for your support in providing opportunities for young people facing adversities.

Your party can be as big or as small as you like. Your Host for Hope may involve raising funds or asking guests to bring items that can help a young person achieve independence.

Once you're ready to party, contact us at foundation@facsnigara.on.ca and we'll help you get started.

OUR MISSION:

The Niagara Foundation for Family & Children's Services works to raise funds and awareness in the community in order to support Family & Children's Services Niagara (FACS Niagara) in their mission to protect, support and strengthen the wellbeing of children, youth and families.

We rely on the generosity of our community to provide hundreds of children and youth every year with the support they need to thrive.

BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES TAKES THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF PEOPLE LIKE YOU

Here is how donors like you make a difference every year:



85

Youth supported with essential household items and gifts to help them achieve independence.



70+

Education grants of \$2,500 awarded each year to youth who have spent time in care and are now pursuing college, university, or an apprenticeship.



400+

Children and youth received gifts and toys over the holiday season.



600+

Weeks of summer camp enjoyed by kids and youth served by FACS Niagara.



50

Youth who attend life-skills training session in subjects such as cooking, budgeting, pet care, healthy relationships, and interview skills.



5

Home for the Holidays celebrations were held for youth in care to provide them with a place to celebrate the holidays with people who care about them.

HOW TO “HOST FOR HOPE”

HOSTING IDEAS:

Dinner party
Cocktail party
Book club meeting
Office holiday party
Host a coffee hour at your office
Backyard BBQ
Birthday party

CHOOSE HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT FACS NIAGARA FOUNDATION

- **Ask guests to make a donation:** Invite guests to join your party by making a donation. You can set a specific amount (e.g. inviting them to a dinner party for a donation of \$150/per person) or ask them to make a donation of their choosing. We can help you set a fundraising goal and connect it with a specific need at FACS Niagara so that guests feel excited about the difference they're making. We can assist you with setting up your own fundraising page or provide you with guidance on collecting donations from guests at your party to ensure they comply with CRA tax receipting guidelines.
- **Sponsor-a-Youth:** You will be provided with a wish list of needed household items from a young person preparing to live independently for the first time such as towels, cleaning and kitchen supplies, food, bed sheets, pet care, and gift cards. You then send the list to your guests and ask them what they plan on bringing.
- **Give guests a choice of bringing items or money:** There are certain items we will always need to help the kids we serve get the best start in life. Connect with us and we can share a list of ideas to send your guests, and information about accepting donations of cash, cheque, or credit card (online).



HOW CAN WE HELP?

1. Assist you with determining how your party can positively impact children and youth (e.g. helping you set a fundraising goal or determining what most-needed items guests can donate)
2. Provide you with sample invitations and emails that you can customize for inviting your guests.
3. Provide logos and other appropriate marketing materials (to be used with the approval of the FACS Niagara Foundation)
4. Set-up a fundraising website through which guests may make donations by credit card for your party.
5. Provide FACS representatives to attend your party to share information about the great work of FACS (for parties raising \$1,000 or more and depending on location and availability of staff)
6. Publicly acknowledge your contributions in keeping with our donor recognition guidelines.
7. Issue thank you letters and receipts in accordance with Canada Revenue Agency requirements.
8. Share your generosity and success by publicly promoting you on our social media sites (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter).
9. Pick up your donations from a location convenient to you, following your party.

YOUR ROLE:

1. We appreciate you submitting our Host for Hope Expression of Interest Form at least four weeks prior to your party to ensure we can support you appropriately.
2. Plan and execute your Host for Hope, with support from the FACS Niagara Foundation as described above.
3. Cover all expenses incurred throughout the planning and execution of your party.
4. Invite guests.
5. Enjoy doing something great for Niagara's children and youth!

Questions? We appreciate you considering being a “Host for Hope” and would love to hear your ideas!

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