



FOOTHILLS
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

HOME PARTY GUIDE

**Bring Friends Together for a Cause:
Support Foothills and Empower Children!**

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Planning the party

GUEST LIST

Consider teaming up with a friend to co-host your event. Start by brainstorming a guest, include family, friends, acquaintances, and their connections. Don't hesitate to invite broadly! An invitation simply opens the door; it's okay if someone says no. When in doubt, include them, spreading the word is just as important as attendance.

LOGISTICS

There's No Perfect Time—Just Pick One!

Conflicts are inevitable, so choose a date and time that works best for you. Don't worry if everyone can't make it! If you'd like someone from Foothills Child Advocacy Center to attend (we'd love to!), check in with us about potential dates at hello@foothillscac.org to ensure availability.

Find the Perfect Spot

Your venue doesn't need to be fancy—just comfortable and the right size for your gathering. A cozy home works great, but if that's not an option, consider a brewery, bar, or restaurant. Many businesses may even offer drink specials or contribute to your cause! Wherever you host, provide clear directions, parking info, and accessibility details to make it easy for guests.

Refreshments

Food and drinks are party essentials—they give guests something to enjoy and can help make people comfortable. Keep it simple; no need for elaborate spreads unless that's your style. Classics like potato chips, cookies, and a mix of sweet and savory treats are always a hit. Be mindful of common dietary restrictions—offering gluten-free, dairy-free, and vegetarian options ensures everyone feels included. If you're considering alcohol, let your budget and crowd guide you. Be sure to include non-alcoholic options so everyone feels welcome.

Set up a Donation Station

Have a large envelope or box at the donation station to collect cash or check donations. Set up a computer or tablet with a link to Foothills Child Advocacy Center's donation page allowing guests to easily donate via credit card.

Goodie Bags & Literature

Foothills will take care of this part!





INVITATIONS (samples on following page)

Inviting friends to a fundraising party can feel tricky, but honesty is key! Make it clear that the goal is to support Foothills Child Advocacy Center through donations. Whether it's an intimate cocktail/mocktail gathering or a fun afternoon cook-out with family, your party should be a reflection of your style.

Share why you're passionate about this cause and why your friends might feel connected to it too. Briefly highlight the impactful work Foothills does to support children. You can also include link to Foothills website for those who want to learn more.

For added convenience, we can create a custom online donation page for your party. Include the link in your invitation so even those who can't attend can still contribute.

Using an app like Facebook Events, Paperless Post, or Evite is a great way to send out invitations and track responses. Knowing who's coming helps with planning drinks and snacks. Be sure to explicitly request that people RSVP—it increases the likelihood they'll participate. Remember, your excitement and sincerity will inspire others to join in!

THE EVENT

Once your guests have had some time to mingle, it's your turn to shine! Gather everyone together and share why Foothills Child Advocacy Center is such an important cause to you. Your personal connection will set a heartfelt tone for the rest of the evening.

After your introduction, we'll take it from there by providing an overview of the vital work Foothills does, why it's so important, and how your guests can make a meaningful impact through their donations. This will give your guests a deeper understanding of the cause and inspire them to contribute.

POST EVENT

If checks trickle in after your party, mail them to Foothills Child Advocacy Center, 1106 E. High St., Charlottesville, VA 22902. Send an email to hello@foothillscac.org to let us know donations are on the way so we can track and acknowledge the contributions from your party.

THANK YOU

Your generosity, time, and dedication to furthering Foothills' mission make a lasting impact on the children we serve. Thank you for helping us raise awareness and funds to continue providing vital services. Your support is invaluable, and we are deeply grateful for your commitment to making a positive impact in our community.



SAMPLE INVITES

#1 You're Invited!

Join me for drinks, snacks, and merriment as we raise money for Foothills Child Advocacy Center, an organization dedicated to providing a coordinated system of response and intervention to children who have experienced abuse. Learn more about their vital work on their website.

Bring yourself, a friend and a donation (cash, check, or credit card). I'm excited to see everyone and raise funds for a cause I care about that truly makes a difference!

Why support Foothills Child Advocacy Center?

Because you believe children who have experienced abuse deserve dignity, respect, and trauma-informed care. A great deal of support for Foothills comes from generous individuals like you—community members who understand how essential their work is. Your donations allow them to provide high-quality, compassionate care to children in need.

To learn more about child advocacy centers, check out [this video](#).

#2 You're Invited!

Join us for a potluck to raise money for Foothills Child Advocacy Center, which provides a coordinated system of response and intervention to children who have experienced abuse.

Why donate to the Foothills Child Advocacy Center? Because you believe that children who have been abused deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. Because you believe that providing trauma informed, child appropriate support is the start of healing.

Some of Foothill's support comes from grants, but most of our support comes from people like you: Community members who know the work Foothills does is powerful and essential. Donations make it possible for them to provide high quality and compassionate care. To learn more about child advocacy centers, check out [this video](#).

Bring a friend, a snack or side dish and a donation (cash or check or credit card) for Foothills Child Advocacy Center.



WANT TO KNOW MORE?

[What is a child advocacy center?](#)

[Learn about child abuse and how to recognize it.](#)