

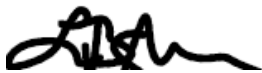
The Women's Board of Akron Children's is pleased to present our 9th annual **CELEBRATE THE PLATE**, a fundraiser that benefits Akron Children's. All monies made go directly back to the Hospital for patient care and support. Your help with this event enables the Women's Board to continue to provide support for Akron Children's mission to provide medical care to all children and burn victims in our community regardless of their ability to pay.

The **CELEBRATE THE PLATE** committee is hard at work planning a memorable event, with gracious hosts providing various events ranging from a delicious meal, euchre party, tennis round robin, or porch party. We would appreciate your consideration of hosting an event at your home or venue of choice, for as many guests as you are comfortable accommodating on your desired date between May 1, 2024, and May 31, 2024. The enclosed host application explains the details of the commitment to the event and gives you some guidelines to consider. In addition, as a Host, you will be working with our Host Coordinator, Cecilia O'Donnell, who will assist you throughout your party planning and implementation. Please be aware that the host's name or address or venue address will not be published without permission.

We appreciate your consideration of becoming a host for our **2024 CELEBRATE THE PLATE** event. With your support, the Women's Board of Akron Children's will remain steadfast to our mission of being dedicated to the support, protection, and welfare of children by working to enhance community involvement, increase advocacy, and raise funds for Akron Children's.

For questions or to discuss becoming a host, please contact our CTP Chairs, Laurice Moore, lse04moore@yahoo.com, 440-263-5076, or Dee Kelleher, deekelleher9150@gmail.com, 330-324-1373.

Respectfully,



Laurice Moore
2024 Celebrate the Plate Chairman
Akron Children's Women's Board



Dee Kelleher
2024 Celebrate the Plate Co-Chair
Akron Children's Women's Board

Celebrate the Plate Committee

Donna Axson	Kerri Daye
Kathie Holland	Dee Kelleher
Bridget LaGuardia	Michelle Luecke
Laurice Moore	Cecilia O'Donnell
Anita Sears	

Celebrate the Plate FAQs

What is the Celebrate the Plate event?

CELEBRATE THE PLATE started in 2014 and is a fundraising event for the Women's Board that helps the Women's Board to provide services and fund programs for Akron Children's, in support of its mission to provide medical care to infants, children, adolescents, and burn victims of all ages in our community regardless of ability to pay.

The 9th annual Celebrate the Plate will be a hybrid event and commences on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, with a Kickoff event held in the Considine Lobby from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Hosts will be able to have their desired event (dinner, porch party, tennis round robin, etc.) between May 1st and May 31st at their chosen time and venue. It is the host's choice to hold an open or closed event and to determine the date, time, theme, and location.

What is the difference between an Open and Closed Celebrate the Plate event?

An Open party will accept RSVPs from a mailed invitation. For example, John Smith is hosting a themed dinner party of Tuscany Under the Sun. He has room for 16 guests. Since this is an open party, John Smith's party will be listed in our Celebrate the Plate invitation that will be mailed in March. Those invitees will choose their top three choices of an event to attend. When John Smith's party fills up with 16 guests, the party will be closed to further attendees. John Smith can also provide a list of guests that he would like to invite as part of his allowable seats.

A closed party is restricted by space, type, and number of attendees. For example, tennis or pickleball round robins, Euchre or bowling party. These types of parties are limited due to venue and are determined by the host.

What is the responsibility of the host?

A host will determine the five W's of When, What, Where, Who, and What.

When: the party date and time

What: the type of party

Where: the location of the party

Who: the invite list. If closed, the host will be responsible for providing invitations to their attendees.

What: support Akron Children's by committing to a minimum \$1,000 donation

The \$1,000 donation is the minimum we ask the host to commit. This donation can be fully paid by the host OR split among the guests. For example, Jane Doe is hosting a tennis round-robin. On her invite, she has listed a suggested player's fee of \$100 and any other donation will be accepted. The fee determined by the host will go towards the minimum donation requirement. Therefore, Jane will meet her \$1,000 minimum donation with just 10 players.

The CTP committee will provide a QR code and donation box for each host. If an attendee chooses to donate at the event by check or cash, the host will agree to record these donations including name, address, check, or cash to enable tax letters to be generated. The donation boxes will be collected by a committee member at a mutually agreed-upon time following each event.

One additional requirement of each host is to play a short highlight video message featuring Akron Children's President and CEO Chris Gessner and the presenting James Beard Sponsor.

What is the ticket sale procedure?

Tickets will be sold for open events by reservation only. Invitations will be sent out in March and invitees will select their top three choices of destinations they would like to attend and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendees will be notified of the destination prior to the event.

For closed events, tickets will not be sold by the Celebrate the Plate Committee. The host will be responsible for RSVPs.

What is the Host Coordinator?

The Host Coordinator will assist you throughout the process with any questions or concerns. The Host Coordinator can help determine the type of party, menu planning and be a liaison if needed for your event.

Our Host Coordinator for the 2024 Celebrate the Plate is Cecilia O'Donnell and she will be in contact with each Host once they decide to host a party.

Do you provide publicity pre and post-event?

For Open events, publicity will be through both printed invitations and Women's Board Channels (Instagram, Celebrate the Plate website).

For Closed events, publicity will be through Women's Board channels (Instagram, Celebrate the Plate website).

Please advise if you have any concerns regarding publicity. We will not provide addresses of events until RSVPs are confirmed for open events.

How does the Women's Board support Akron Children's?

The Women's Board has been a leading force in Akron Children's growth and development. We provide support where it is needed most to help Akron Children's continue its high level of performance excellence and remain ranked as one of the top pediatric care facilities in the nation.

The Women's Board activities have raised over \$15,000,000 to support the following projects at Akron Children's Hospital:

- Promise Campaign Pledge supporting the new Newborn Intensive Care Unit (\$2.5 million)
- Story of Hope Bead Program
- Giraffe Omni Beds
- Rehab Inpatient Unit
- The Skeletal Dysplasia Clinic
- The Garden of Hope and Healing
- The Annual Fund
- Center for Expressive Therapy
- Radiothon at Akron Children's Hospital
- Telemedicine Program
- Psychiatric Intake Response Center and Emergency Department
- Palliative Care Center – Ongoing support in various areas
- Burn Center – cleansing bathtubs
- Reach Out and Read Books provided for all ACHP offices
- Triple P Parenting Program – Instructional Materials
- Family Child Learning Center – Hearing Aids
- Doggie Brigade Registrations
- Toy Fund
- Transport Isolette
- Barkers-our new comfort pet
- Akron Marathon – Hero Zone
- Home Safe Home Program – Injury prevention program for 2nd graders
- Purchased five Progressa specialty beds for the NICU/Burn Unit
- Purchased a Fundus Camera for the Vision Center
- Purchased a music system, tables, and Dinamap for the Inpatient Behavioral Health Center
- Purchased a preemie simulator and cycled lighting for the NICU and funds to the ADA-compliant playground.
- Purchased an ultrasound machine for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, a specialty laser for Dermatology and 2 MRI scanner wraps for Radiology.
- Donated \$100,000 to the National Advocate for Pediatric Healthcare Initiative
- Donated \$50,000 to the Employee Crisis Fund and \$100,000 to the Crisis Relief fund.
- Donated \$10,000 to the Grace Wakulchik Nursing Scholarship
- Pledged \$1.5 million to the Rehabilitation Renovation

**2024 CELEBRATE THE PLATE
HOST APPLICATION**



Host: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Co-host name, address, phone number, email: _____

- ☐ Yes! I agree to host a dinner for **CELEBRATE THE PLATE 2024**
- ☐ Yes, I agree to the minimum donation of \$1,000.
- ☐ Yes, I agree to record all cash donations including name, address, and amount.

Type of Event: _____

Comments: _____

****Please use the back of this application to provide us with the names and addresses of guests you would like to receive an invitation.***

The Women's Board of Akron Children's Hospital thanks you for your willingness to participate in this exciting event. Applications should be sent to Laurice Moore 890 Eaton Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44303, lse04moore@yahoo.com or (440) 263-5076. Please return ASAP or no later than February 10, 2024, to ensure listing in the printed invitation.

* Please consult your tax advisor for complete information regarding the tax deductibility of your fundraising expenses.