



# THROW A *Kitchen Party* FOR COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Help the Community Kitchen of Monroe County by throwing a party in your own kitchen! Here's how it works:

## *Pick a Theme*

There are many reasons to invite your friends and neighbors into your kitchen. After all, that's where the party usually ends up anyway, right? Your kitchen could simply be the setting of your party, or you could use it specifically to show off recent renovations you've made, fulfill your dream of hosting your own cooking demonstration, hold a cookie decorating party, or a wine-tasting event. The type of party is completely up to you!

## *Invite at Least Four Friends*

Invite your friends to your kitchen with two requests: that they bring a friend of their own and a monetary donation for the Community Kitchen of Monroe County.

## *Hold the Party*

See our Party Guide for tips to help make your event a success! Capture photos of you and your friends having fun in your kitchen.

## *Get in Touch with Community Kitchen!*

We want to hear about your party! Tell us about it and share your photos. You can do this by Facebook, Twitter, e-mail, or traditional mail. All donations collected can be mailed to PO Box 3286, Bloomington, IN 47402 or delivered to our location at 1515 S. Rogers Street, Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## *Know that You've Done a Great Thing for Your Community*

While it is always nice to have an excuse for a party, the reason behind yours is critically important to thousands of kids and adults in our community. Community Kitchen of Monroe County served more than 224,000 meals in 2011 and demand is increasing. More than 60 percent of our patrons are children.





# Party Guide

- ✓ **Choose a party theme you're excited about!** Ideas include: Cooking demonstration of a 30-minute meal (distribute samples and the recipe!); tour of your recently renovated kitchen, cookie decorating, wine and cheese pairings, local beer tasting, ice cream social...or just a get-together that happens to be in your kitchen.
- ✓ **Send invitations.** We have included an invitation template you can use for either paper or electronic invitations on our website. Make sure to invite at least four friends and ask them to bring one of their friends along. Your party will be a great way to get to know new friends!
- ✓ **Set an RSVP date and follow-up with your guests on that date.** The best way to have a great turnout at your party is to check in with those you haven't heard from yet. It also gives you the opportunity to invite more guests if you know others can't make it.
- ✓ **Keep it simple.** Your friends and their friends will enjoy socializing without elaborate and time-consuming preparation on your part. Set out some ready-made light snacks and drinks, and you have the makings of a party.
- ✓ **Do your prep work in advance.** If you decide to throw a cooking demo or cookie decorating party, have your ingredients chopped and divided or cookies already cut and baked. This saves time and stress and allows for more fun.
- ✓ **Have information available for your guests.** Since this is also a fundraiser for Community Kitchen, your guests may want more information about the services the Kitchen provides. You can download and print brochures from our Web site. You'll notice that a link to the Kitchen's Web site is provided on the invitation so your guests can see what we're all about when they are invited.
- ✓ **Create a container for donations.** This will be a good reminder to your guests to contribute to the cause. It will also help you keep the donations safe and secure.



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