MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD

HOUSE PARTY HOSTING GUIDE

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Founded in a garage in 1998, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard grew out of two single mothers' desire to help their neighbors access fresh, nutritious food.

Twenty-five years later, the Hub is still serving our community. Our programs have grown to include not only a low-barrier food pantry, but also community gardens, cooking education, youth programming, a cooking and gardening tool share, and an advocacy program.

Peer-to-Peer Fundraising

We're inviting friends, neighbors, and community members to throw their very own Hub House Party, to help us celebrate 25 years of building community.

How does it work?
With the help of this packet, you invite folks from your network (friends, family, etc.) to learn about the Hub, think critically about food in our community, consider donating to the Hub, and have some fun!

This Party Packet includes:
- Picking Your Party: House Party ideas
- Party Checklist & FAQ's
- Party Papers (donation form, Hub brochures, Facilitation questions)

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Picking Your Party

So you want to host a Hub House Party, but what type of party should it be?
Whatever type of party makes the most sense for you and your guests. Do you love to cook? Throw a dinner party! Have friends who love games? Host a food- or garden-related trivia night! The bottom line is, choose whatever type of party feels right for you and your attendees, and then connect it to the Hub!

We've included a few ideas below to get you going...

All About the Hub: A Party for Hub Beginners

Is the Hub new to your guests?
Host a party to showcase the Hub's many programs! Take some time during your party to tell guests about the Hub's programs, from our Food Pantry to Education Programs, to the Tool Share, Garden and Advocacy work. Reach out to the Hub for workshop pamphlets and volunteer information!

Party Parts
- Program overviews: tell your guests about the Hub's work
- Ways to get involved: how folks can volunteer, donate, or join the programs
- Share your personal Hub story

Extra Supplies
- Hub Brochures and program overviews
- Workshop Pamphlets
- Upcoming Volunteer Orientations

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The Hub and Me: Telling Your Story

Been a long-time Hub community member?
Make your party personal by sharing your story with guests. The Hub is more than just our programs - we're a community. Share with partygoers why you became a part of the Hub community, and invite them to join.

Party Parts
- Share Your Story: tell guests how you got involved and what keeps you invested
- Facilitate Discussion: ask your friends how they've connected with food, community, gardening, or cooking
- Extend an Invite: depending on your guests' interests and experiences, offer ways they can get involved or support the Hub that are tailored to them

Extra Supplies
- "Thinking About Your Story" Questions
- "Asking Others to Share" Questions

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Digging Deep: Examining Food Insecurity in your Community

While we at the Hub are grateful to be a part of and to work for our community, we also acknowledge that the need for our services is only continuing to grow. Without addressing the root reasons that community members need assistance, we can never hope to remedy food insecurity.

For party hosts looking to engage their guests in a deep, meaningful, and potentially difficult conversation about why many in our community face barriers to putting food on their table, host an in-depth conversation with our facilitation guide.

Party Parts
- Share the Hub's mission, found on our website's home page
- Lead a Discussion: use the facilitation questions or create your own to spur meaningful conversation

Extra Supplies
- Facilitation Questions

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I'm not an expert on the Hub?
That's okay! The materials we provide will help you navigate sharing the Hub's work with your guests.

Are my guests required to donate?
Your guests are under no obligation to donate to the Hub, but it never hurts to ask! We suggest you let guests know in advance that your party will focus on the Hub and provide an opportunity to donate.

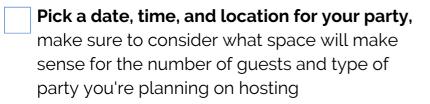**Can I host more a different party than one suggested in this packet?**
Of course! If you want to get creative, please do! Whatever you believe will be engaging for your guests.
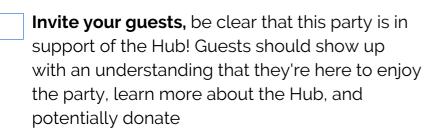
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Pre-Party Checklist
To Do

- [ ] **Pick Your Party:** decide which party type that works for you

- [ ] **Get in touch with Hub Staff** to answer any questions or provide additional information

- [ ] **Pick a date, time, and location for your party,** make sure to consider what space will make sense for the number of guests and type of party you're planning on hosting

- [ ] **Invite your guests,** be clear that this party is in support of the Hub! Guests should show up with an understanding that they're here to enjoy the party, learn more about the Hub, and potentially donate

- [ ] **Gather and prep any party supplies**

Party Supplies

- [ ] Food & Beverages

- [ ] Printed Sign-in and Donation Forms

- [ ] Facilitation Questions

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Donation Details

Share with your guests the many ways to donate to the Hub

Online through the Hub's Website
Visit mhcfoodpantry.org and find the 'Donate' button located on the front page, in the top right corner.

Host a Facebook Fundraiser
You and your guests can host Facebook fundraisers to spread the Hub's mission to your social media network.

Donate by cash or check
Ask guests to make checks out to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. Checks can be mailed or hand-delivered to our office: 1100 W. Allen St, Bloomington, IN 47403. Help us stay prompt in saying thank you - please drop any cash or checks donations to the Hub within a week of your party!

Harvest Team
For guests who want to support the Hub provide programs and emergency food access sustainably, we offer a recurring donation option through the Hub's website donation page. See the Harvest Team page for more information.

Curious What Your Donation Can Do?

With just **$1**, the Hub can source up to 5 lbs of food from Hoosier Hills Food Bank.

$25 can provide healthy groceries for a family of 4 for a week.

$50 can provide supplies for one Hub Lunch

$100 can start 1,000 plant starts.

$500 can provide one year of repairs and maintenance for our kitchen.

Donation Form

First Name	Street Address	Email	Donation Amount	Notes:
Last Name	City, State, Zip	Cell Phone	Method	
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Host Name: _____   Notes: _____

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Hub Party Sign In

Name	Email Address	Add to E-Newsletter?

Digging Deeper: Facilitation Questions

Guide your guests through thinking about food insecurity in the community.

At the Hub, a major focus is building community through shared meals.
Can you share moments when you have experienced community through food?
How can food build community?

The Hub wants its shoppers to feel empowered to provide and make meal decisions for their household.
What helps you feel empowered when feeding yourself or your loved ones?
How might you imagine cultivating that feeling with others?
How might it feel if the choice to make these deicisons was taken away?

The Hub believes that food is a basic human right.
How do you see our communities protecting and valuing our rights?
What would it look like for our community to take food seriously as a basic human right?

The Hub enjoys hosting community members as guest educators.
They may share the cuisine they grew up with; the skills they use to forage, prepare or preserve food; or their strategies for tending the garden.
What skills have you learned from individuals in your community?
If you could lead a workshop, what skills or resources would you share with your community?

The Hub's Tool share is a lending library of gardening and cooking tools.
Is there a kitchen or garden tool you've always wanted to use but haven't had access to? What would you make with it?
What are barriers to using new tools? Is it cost, knowledge, or something else?