



How to Host a Karaoke for a Cure Event

What You Need to Get Started:

For a karaoke event you will need a karaoke machine, a great location to host the event, and a passionate crowd of would-be American Idols! If one of your team members doesn't have a karaoke machine you can find inexpensive karaoke machines for sale or you can also rent one from a party supply or rental store. Your location for this event will need to be a large space with good acoustics. Auditoriums and large gathering spaces work really well, while gyms might have too much of an echo.

Stirring Up Your Crowd:

Before planning the event you need to consider certain aspects of your group. Time and length of your event will depend on the age of participants as well as having a variety of music that is age appropriate. A school team should put up signs around school or hand out fliers to your fellow students. A community or family team should put an ad in a local newspaper or community newsletter in addition to spreading the word around to your family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

Fundraising Tips:

The easiest way to bring in money from your karaoke event is to have each participant give a donation when they sign up to sing. Another way to bring in money is to have your audience pay to make requests. Have your local personalities in attendance such as a community leader, the principal of your school, or the football team. You can also have the audience donate money to hear them sing. In addition to all those fundraising tips, you can have a volunteer digitally record the night's performances and sell the DVD for more profits toward your cause.

Prizes:

Don't forget to inspire and reward your performers. Ask local businesses to donate prizes for best performer, funniest performer, and so on. Even simple printed certificates make great prizes.

Contact your local Autism Speaks office for autism-related materials to display at your event, such as brochures and Walk Now for Autism Speaks banners.