



## **How to Host a Letter Writing Party**

### **What is a Letter Writing Party?**

A team get together to write letters to friends, family, and co-workers asking for donations in support of the walk.

### **Where to Host Your Event:**

Depending on the size of your party, good places include classrooms (contact a local university for classroom use), a church meeting room, or even in your living room/dining room. Where ever you choose, make sure your space has plenty of tables.

### **Supplies:**

You will need plenty of paper, pens, stamps, envelopes, and sample letters. A good idea is to ask everyone to bring extra stationary that they can trade to make each letter unique.

### **Who to Write to:**

Friends, family members, co-workers, etc. Everyone should compile a list of people and addresses before the party.

### **Tips on How to Write a Letter:**

Make your letters personal! Explain your connection to autism and why it's important to raise money to help fund research and services for Autism Speaks.

### **Include a Picture:**

Your letter will be more powerful if you include a picture. Share a photo of a loved one affected by autism or include a picture of your team at the walk.

### **Food Ideas:**

A potluck is the easiest thing to do!

### **Entertainment Ideas:**

You can watch an autism video or documentary or have a guest speaker talk about their experience with autism (parent, sibling, service provider).

**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.**