

Memo –December 2025 Updates The Big Raise

Happy Thanksgiving and December from the Big Raise. This month’s newsletter highlights upcoming events, Cars of Hope and the Murder Mystery and a special thanks, and a drive to help bring Santa to Town for families this Christmas.



Road Rally Discount Almost Gone

Road Rally Discount spots are almost all committed. As of today, seven of the ten \$500 “discount” spots have been taken. The first ten teams will have their ENTIRE registration fee credited for their recipient charity. Three remain.

Go to: <https://jointheraise.com/rally-registration/> to register and then pay, and your \$500 goes to your team total. Don’t miss out. Register Now.



Help The Big Raise Bring “Santa to Town” for those in Need

The Big Raise is bringing Santa to Town for families in Chicago area this holiday season. We are working to raise \$18,000 for 36 families in need and give them each \$500 towards clothes, gifts and food this year.

Contributions can be made in any amount at:

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/e/LDOS6Q?vid=1n4ybm> or go to <https://jointheraise.com/> and select “Contribute.”

All contributions between now and December 15th, 2025 will help these families in need. As of today we have already received \$2,200. Any gift is appreciated in any amount. Thank you for helping others during this holiday season and helping bring “Santa to Town” along with the Big Raise.



Hearts for St. Jude will be held February 22-24, 2026 in Reunion, Florida. This golf, gala and now pickleball tournament event is in it's ninth year and will surpass \$3M raised for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in 2026. See more information and details at: <https://jointheraise.com/reunion-2026/>.

Golf packages are almost all committed. Register today and don't miss out!



Who Killed the Fundraiser Chapter One

Chapter one of "Who Killed the Fundraiser" was held at Danada House in Wheaton Illinois November 7th. The event in it's first year was a great success with almost 135 people in attendance; a great meal, wine tasting and show.

Check out the webpage for photos from the event: <https://jointheraise.com/mm/>

Chapter two is already in planning for 2026, and a thank you note from Cars of Hope is attached to this email. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and Cars of Hope.

Get Involved

How can you get involved? We need people to promote events; find organizations who are looking to get help raise funds; work events; promote events; post online about the events; tell others; etc. etc.

Ashley Hanrahan (our executive director) can be reached at director@jointheraise.com if you would like to do any of these except requests for new events.

Contact Jon Anderson at chairman@jointheraise.com. If you check out our website, <https://jointheraise.com/>, you will see three events in 2025 and six we have planned or are planning for 2026. Come see what we can do together to help others.

The Big Raise Inc. (A Florida 501c3)

The Big Raise, Inc. (A Florida 501c3) was founded in 2023 to raise funds for charitable organizations through unique and amazing fundraising events and programs. We don't just look to hand over checks but work to innovate better events; create new methods to fundraise; and partner with great organizations. The Big Raise, Inc. facilitates Partner Events; Focus Area Events; and other programs throughout the year and in several states.

Help us to grow while we help others by making a contribution, assisting with an event or inviting others to a "Big Raise" event.

Thank you.