

Memo – October 2025 Updates The Big Raise

Here's an October update as fall is upon us in Chicago and Florida is quite the opposite.

You will find news, updates and other information for this month and the future in this monthly update. Check our homepage (<https://jointheraise.com/>) and Facebook page for updates as well. This monthly newsletter will update you on our schedule and events; and have various sections and details, with updates and information. Check out how you can get involved; how you are making an impact; see the new developments, schedule and much more.

Announcements (10/13/2025)

- **The first five foursome registrations completed before October 31, 2025 for “Hearts for St. Jude”, February 22-24, 2026 will receive two Fan Deck tickets to the Arnold Palmer Invitational on Friday March 6th, 2026. Register at: <https://hearts26.givesmart.com>**
- **The Murder Mystery will feature a BoGo this coming Wednesday October 15, 2025. Email director@jointheraise.com for the code that will work for either tickets or on table sponsorships.**

Schedule and Events

The **Big Raise Murder Mystery 2025** (Who Killed the Fundraiser?) will be held at historic Danada House in Wheaton on Friday November 7th 2025, to benefit Cars of Hope in Naperville. This event will feature an amazing dinner; professional murder mystery cast; bourbon and wine tastings; dinner and open bar. There is a silent auction that benefits Cars of Hope, but no speeches, paddle raise or live auction. Enjoy a great night of entertainment or make a pledge online to support. The proceeds from the event go to benefit Cars of Hope. More information at: <https://jointheraise.com/mm/> and <https://carsofhope.org/>.

Hearts for St. Jude will be held February 22-24, 2026 in Reunion, Florida. This golf, gala and now pickleball tournament event is in its 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/>.

The **Big Raise Road Rally 2026** will be held May 29-31, 2026. This two-night and three-day event will cover over 500 miles and support multiple charities. Pick your own charity and join us for an amazing time! More information at: <https://jointheraise.com/rally-2026/>. In 2025 we raised \$86,000, this time we're working to raise over \$200,000 for amazing causes.

Chairman's Update

Things are busy with the Big Raise as we finalize plans, décor, food, drinks, entertainment and all things for “**Who Killed the Fundraiser**” **November 7th, 2026**. This unique and new night of entertainment will feature “the Dinner Detective Company” running the show during the night and “My Chef” providing the delicious dinner and open bar. Get more information and buy tickets or tables at: <https://jointheraise.com/mm/>

This month on our website features a new addition that we nickname the “Annual Report.” This “report” tells the story of the Big Raise; information about our goals; donor thanks and information on current and upcoming events. It is posted at the website at: JoinTheRaise.com/about/report and is a great summary of the “Big” things we are working on. A printed version of this will be available as well. Contact us if you would like a copy.

Get Involved

How can you get involved? We need people to promote events; find organizations who are looking to get help raising 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 more information.

Support The Big Raise

As The Big Raise grows we look for others to consider supporting our events with a contribution and help us help others:

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/e/LDOS6Q?vid=1liu2l>

About Us

The Big Raise Inc. (A Florida 501c3)

The Big Raise, Inc. (A Florida 501c3) was founded in 2023 to raise funds for charitable organizations and causes 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. Contact us about a current event or for more information at:

<https://jointheraise.com/>

