THE BIG RAISE

MURDER MYSTERY

October 2nd, 2026
Naperville Marriott
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

AN ELEGANT EVENING OF MYSTERY WITH TWISTS AT EVERY TURN TO BENEFIT CARS OF HOPE

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About Us

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; Sponsored Events and other programs throughout the year and in several states.

Events

Partner Events are for a specific organization or charity and include the multi-day "Hearts for St. Jude Gala and Golf Tournament" which takes place in Reunion, Florida annually in February for the benefit of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and the Murder Mystery to benefit Cars of Hope. Focus Area Events are for a specific problem like cancer, homelessness, or hunger and can include several recipient charities. They include our annual "Big Raise Road Rally." Sponsored Events are where the Big Raise or the Anderson Family will help an organization grow or start an event with financial or other support and contributions. We continue to look for additional type of event formats to partner and create a "Big" impact for others.

100% of the proceeds from our events go to the recipient charities after event expenses. We facilitate the giving, auctions, and events, but do NOT take from the proceeds. The "Big Raise Inc." is a 501c3 not-for-profit that is funded by contributions to our operating fund from the Anderson and other families that believe in great events and solutions; and even greater needs and great actions.

Support Us

Consider making a contribution directly to the Big Raise Inc. and help us help others grow! All contributions go to our operating fund that is used to run events; promote events; and grow ways to help others with a "Big" impact. To make a contribution go to: JoinTheRaise.com and select "Contribute" from the drop down menu.

Our Goal

Our goal in 2028 is to reach an annual level of $5,000,000 a year raised for the organizations and focus areas we support. Through 2026 we have raised over $3.3M for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital since our first event for the kids and growing. Our Road Rally raised over $110,000 in 2026; and our Murder Mystery has raised over $100,000 since inception. "Santa is Coming to Town" has raised almost $45,000 since inception to help homeless and other struggling families with Christmas gifts, clothes and food.

Silent Auction
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About – Cars Donations Used Locally

Cars of Hope, a 501(c)3 charitable organization, 100% operated by volunteers, has helped dozens of "Deserving Families" who have fallen on hard times to become financially independent. Our primary focus is to help people who live in the suburbs of Chicago have a critically needed vehicle where public transportation is very limited to BOTH get to work and take their children to school events and doctors.

Cars of Hope refurbishes the better of the donated vehicles that they give to "Deserving Families" and vehicles that are past their economical life in being safe, reliable and affordable are sold to pay for the repairs by professional shops performed at cost to vehicles that are given! Cars of Hope takes all cars running or not running, title or no title.

Mission Statement

Partner Cars of Hope mission is to dramatically reduce poverty in our communities by providing reliable transportation to under-resourced deserving families.

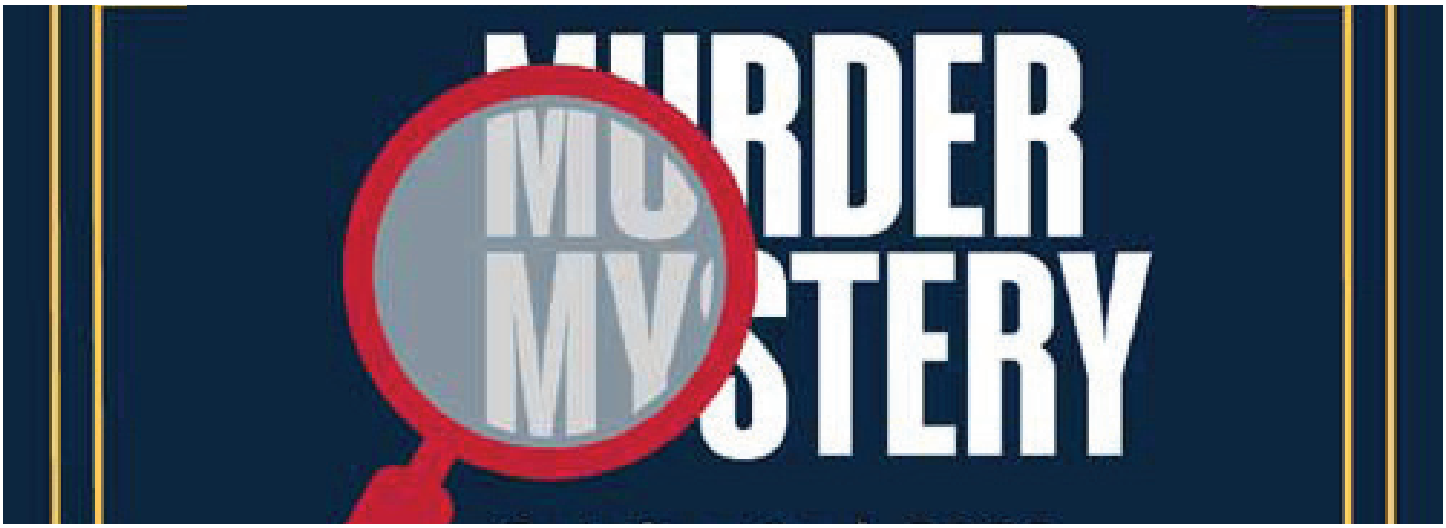
"We're giving cars to the people in our community, the community we live in; our people are benefiting," he said." If someone donates a car in Naperville, you're helping someone in your neighborhood."

The premise of the organization is simple: donate your vehicle to Cars of Hope and they'll make sure it is used to help an under-resourced family in the Western suburbs. Whether it's running or not, Cars of Hope will take the vehicle and make repairs needed in order to ensure it's safe, reliable and affordable for families to maintain. If it's not, they sell the vehicle at auction — or scrap it for parts — and use the proceeds to pay for repairs at a professional automotive shop that work with Cars of Hope on a nonprofit basis.

Romas and Cars of Hope will continue to help those who have fallen on hard times and needing a vehicle to help them get to places of employment and become financially independent.

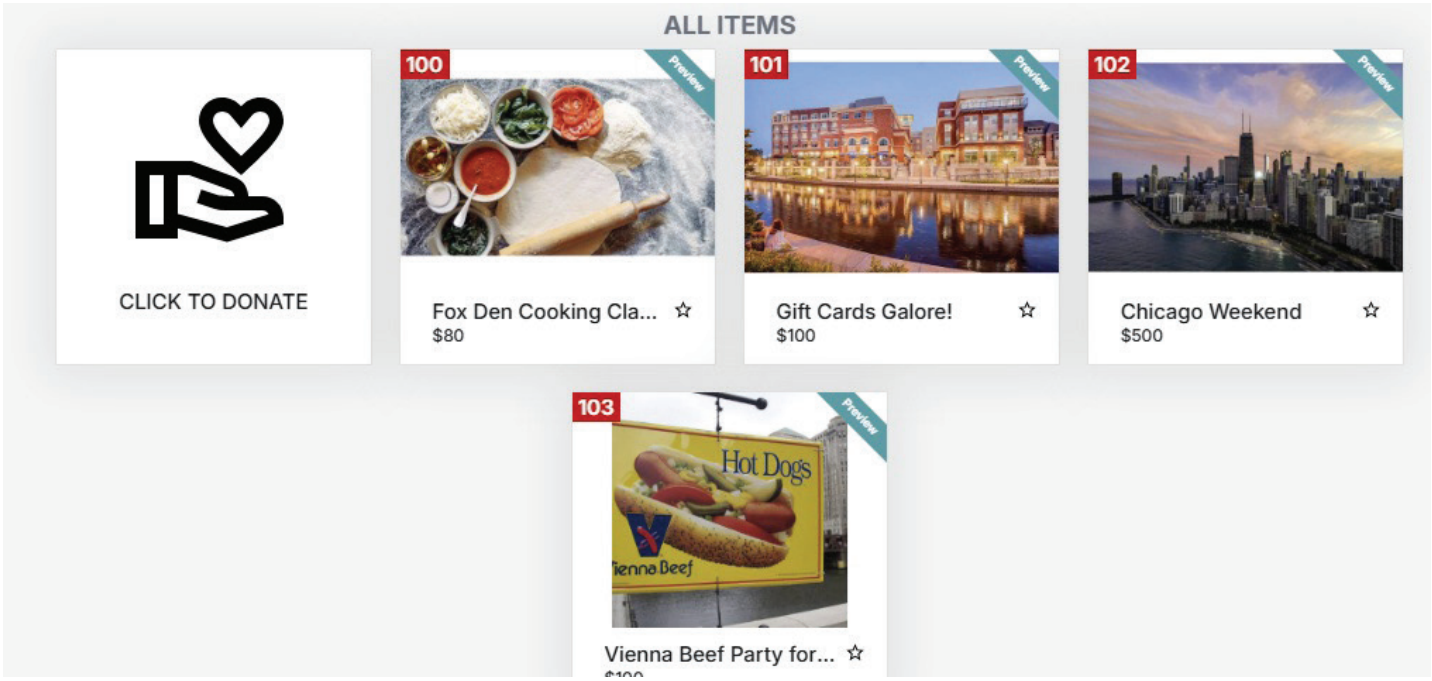
"We've had a couple of car recipients who've come back to us and told us they had the car running for another six or seven years," he said. "They were financially back on their feet and in turn, they were helping people in their community with their transportation needs."

To learn more about Cars of Hope, call (224) 216-CARS or visit carsofhope.org



Silent Auction and Contribution Information

To support Cars of Hope you can make a contribution or bid on an item in tonight's silent auction. You can make a one-time contribution or pledge a monthly gift to help their continuing mission to help deserving families that cannot afford transportation. https://jointheraise.com/mm2026/



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Tonight's Schedule

6:00 PM VIP Cocktail Hour
7:00 PM General Admission
8:00 PM Show Starts
9:15 PM Intermission & Dessert
10:30 PM Mystery is Solved
11:00 PM Bar Close

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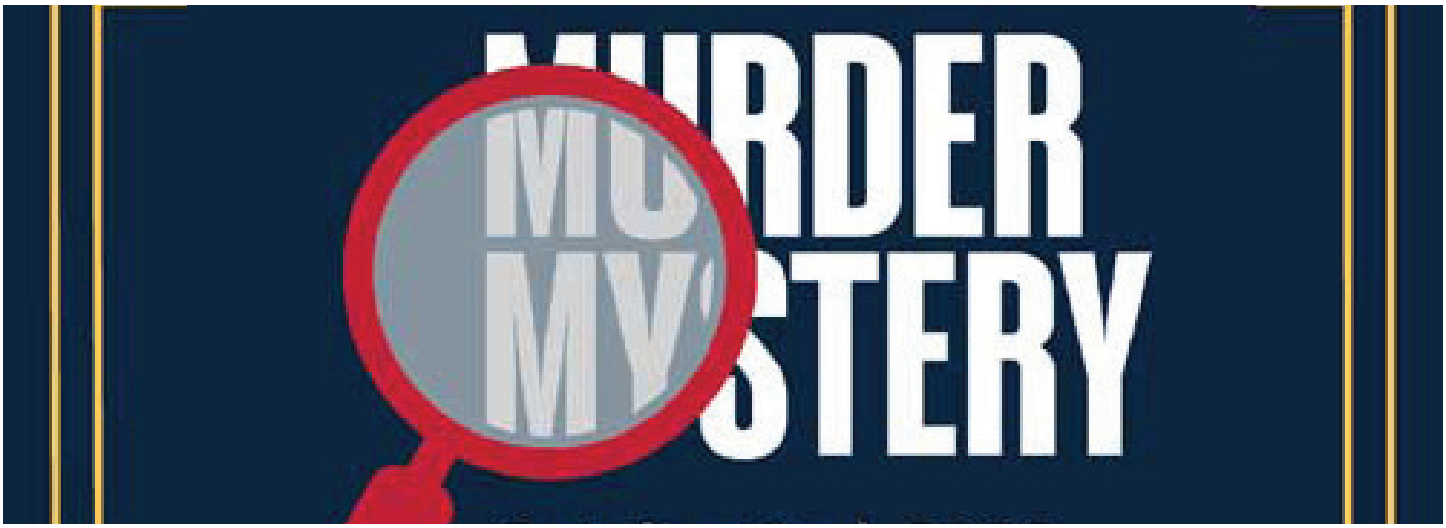

Tonight's Overview

Everyone is a suspect in this murder mystery chapter two dinner to benefit Cars of Hope. The only thing not a mystery is that you will be entertained; have a great time; enjoy a delicious dinner all at the amazing Naperville Marriott put on by The Big Raise. This night of "killer" entertainment is the second chapter to benefit Cars of Hope in Naperville. Proceeds from sponsorships, ticket sales, donations and the silent auction will help them find more vehicles to help others.

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The night will feature Jest Murder Mystery providing entertainment and their own comedy show for a great night. They have featured in shows across the country and frequently in Chicago. Founded in St. Louis in 1999 by Randy Manning, Jest will bring a sizzle and fun to this amazing night with an immersive, funny, and interactive show to help us all have the best time together in our murder mystery to benefit Cars of Hope.

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"Hearts For St. Jude" Golf and Pickleball Tournament, Gala and Concert

February 20-23, 2027 at Reunion, Florida

Hearts for St. Jude 2027 benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and since inception has raised over $3.3 Million for the kids. Come join us February 20-23, 2027 at Reunion Resort by Orlando, Florida for this tenth anniversary event for a great time; and to help St. Jude with all the amazing things they are doing.

Event Highlights

The 2027 dinner gala will be held Sunday February 21, 2027. The pickleball tournament will be held on Sunday (February 21) and Monday (February 22). Golfers will play a warmup round Sunday on the Nicklaus course and Monday in the team tournament. The Sunday night dinner gala will feature dinner, auctions and an elegant night to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Monday night will close the event with concert performance from 7th Heaven and includes their "30 in 30" to highlight the night's performance.

Schedule

Saturday

4:00-6:00 PM VIP Cigars and bourbon tasting on the Reunion patio

6:00-10:00 PM "Raise the Roof" at Eleven for cocktails and appetizers.

Sunday

11:00-3:00 PM Pickleball matches and Golf on Nicklaus Course

7:00–10:00 PM Hearts for St. Jude 2027 Gala to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

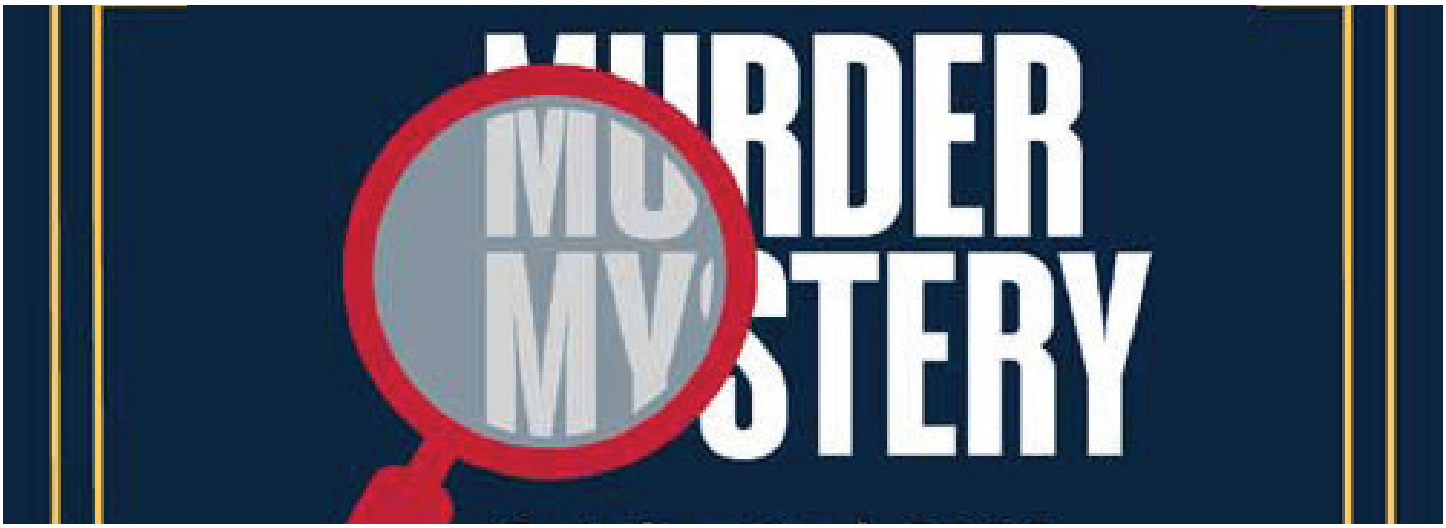
Monday

7:30-9:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Shotgun golf tourney 9:00-1:00 PM Pickleball Matches

1:30-4:30 PM Putting Contest

7:00-10:00 PM 7th Heaven Concert



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