It's cold outside, so gather your friends and family for a cozy game night for a good cause! Below are just a few ways you can fundraise while having a blast playing GAMES!

Don't forget to include the KIDDOS!

Plan Your Fundraising Game Night

Plan how you will collect donations: Before sending out invitations for Game Night, decide how you will collect donations from your friends and family.

1. Choose the timing/hook for collecting gifts. Will you charge an entry fee at the door? Or, will people donate based on which games they win/lose, or certain actions that happen during the game. Make sure you define the “ground rules” of fundraising in your invitation.
2. Figure out how you will collect payments:
3. To offer Credit Card and PayPal: Start your PVA fundraising page at PVA.org/Fundraise, and plan how you will keep your page accessible throughout game night. Set up a tablet near the front door, with the fundraising page open, or text the page link directly to your friends and family.
4. To offer Venmo or Cash Gifts: Collect your friends’ and family’s Venmo or cash gifts. At the end of the game night, add up all of the funds they gave and make it a single gift to PVA at this URL: PVA.org/FundraisingEvent.

Choose the games: Select a variety of board or virtual games that can be played individually or in small groups. Ensure the games are suitable for different age groups, and plan whether you will change the rules of games to include fundraising challenges.

Set the date & location: Some of the best places for a game night are your home, a community center, a coffee shop or bar. You can also host your Game Night virtually on Zoom, using a website such as Jackbox Games or Board Game Arena.
Invite guests: Reach out to friends, family, colleagues, and neighbors to invite them to join your event. Be sure to include information about the cause you’re fundraising for.

Event logistics: Plan the event schedule, ensuring there is enough time for game play, breaks, and if it’s an in-person event, consider providing refreshments and snacks or ask your guests to bring a dish.

Have fun and express gratitude: Send a heartfelt thank-you message expressing your appreciation for their time, support, and contribution has made a difference in the lives of Veterans. Consider sharing some photos from the game night on social media.

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### Change The Rules for Fundraising!

Changing the rules of games for your fundraising event is a great idea to make your event engaging and encourage participants to contribute.

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<th>Card Games</th>
<th>If the other team “shoots the moon” in Hearts, bids zero in spades, or otherwise goes all in and wins, donate to PVA.</th>
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<td>Codenames</td>
<td>If your team guesses an “innocent bystander”, donate to PVA.</td>
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<td>Jackbox</td>
<td>Host a Jackbox tournament and charge an entry fee, with all proceeds going to the PVA. Players can compete against each other, and the winner or top performers can have the option to make an additional donation.</td>
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<td>Monopoly</td>
<td>Whenever a player passes <strong>GO</strong> or they're in <strong>JAIL</strong>, they can choose to donate to your PVA fundraiser or create a new space on the board called &quot;Charity Tax&quot;. Whenever a player lands on this space, they donate.</td>
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<td>Settlers of Catan</td>
<td>Whenever you roll a 7, you must make a donation to PVA in order to rob another player.</td>
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<td>Ticket to Ride</td>
<td>When the game ends, donate a dollar for every train you’ve placed on the board.</td>
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<td>Uno</td>
<td>Introduce a new rule where players can skip their turn but must donate a certain amount to PVA each time they use this option.</td>
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Tap into your imagination to craft one-of-a-kind events with awesome ways to generate funds in support of PVA!
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