Fundraising Event Guide
Who Are We?

Accent Pontiac is a social change through music program with the mission of strengthening Pontiac’s youth and community through equitable access to intensive and consistent music-making.

Free to Pontiac elementary students, the program launched in September, 2016 serving 105 students at Walt Whitman Elementary School. In September, 2018, we expanded to Alcott Elementary and are now teaching more than 280 students how to play percussion, brass and woodwind instruments. Our classes are offered during school and after school up to four days per week, and meals and transportation are provided as needed.

Now in our fourth year, more than 1,000 students, their families and the community have enjoyed our student performances at community events. Last year Accent Pontiac ensembles performed at the Pontiac High School Homecoming Parade, the Pontiac Holiday Extravaganza Parade, and as the pep band at a Pontiac High School basketball game.

How Can You Help?

Do you want to be involved with Accent Pontiac but don't know how? Do you have a great idea for a fundraiser and want to put it into motion?

Hosting a fundraising event allows you to put your ideas and efforts into fundraising for the students of Accent Pontiac. Take an event that you have previously used, or come up with a brand new idea and turn it into a fundraiser!
**Fundraiser Ideas**

**Garage Sale:** Want to get rid of all that stuff that’s been hanging around in your basement? Gather it up and ask your friends to donate their giveaways and have a garage or yard sale! Make sure to post signs that all proceeds will go to Accent Pontiac!

**Bowling Night:** Plan a fun night of bowling at your local lane. Ask the owner to waive the cost of bowling or give you a discounted rate and you can collect the money for donations.

**Game Night:** Gather some old board games and start playing! Invite your friends, make teams, and have fun! Ask everyone to make a donation for coming.

**Wine and Cheese Party:** Host a party at a local restaurant and ask the owner to donate the wine and cheese. Invite all of your friends and family for a happy hour.

**More Ideas**

- Bake Sale
- Book Sale
- Can Drive
- Car Wash
- Cook-Off
- Dinner Party
- Exercise Class
- Fun Run
- Golf Outing
- Happy Hour
- Music Night
- Pancake Breakfast
- Raffle
- Restaurant Fundraiser
- Rummage Sale
- Silent Auction
- Sports Tournament
- Tailgate
- Walk-A-Thon
- Wine Tasting
Get Started

Thank you for choosing to support Accent Pontiac with your own fundraising event! We are happy to offer you guidance throughout this process, but we want you to take the lead!

We can help with:
• Advice: We would love to talk with you about your ideas and plans.
• Promotional Support: We can send you our logo and assist in creating promotional materials.
• Social media: Send us your event details and pictures and we will promote on social media.
• Provide tax receipts links to donate: We can help you provide tax receipts for check and credit card donations made out to Accent Pontiac.

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Guidelines
• All expenses are the responsibility of the third-party event organizer. We recommend finding event sponsors or charging a registration fee to help cover expenses.
• The fundraiser organizer is responsible for the planning and execution of the event.
• The fundraiser organizer is responsible for obtaining all applicable permits or licenses, including but not limited to alcohol, raffle, and sales tax licenses.