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Our Family Story: A Fundraiser and a Family Benefit Event

We decided on a combined Fundraiser/Family Benefit because our family wanted to host a benefit for our growing medical bills and related expenses. We also thought it was a good opportunity to raise awareness to our son's rare condition while raising funds for FPIES at the same time. A benefit was coordinated by an extended family member; the fundraiser and awareness event was set up by our individual family.

Fundraiser portion:

We had decided the profits from the meal sold would go towards our donation to FPIES causes. We had a food vendor company that donated a set amount of their profits, and even donated their time serving the event. This worked well for them-- the donation was a tax-exempt donation for them and a business booster-- and benefited us by providing the food we needed for the event.

Benefit portion:

A member of our extended family sponsored the benefit and took care of all of the preparations, we had input with coordinating time, place and food venue and providing awareness events.

Awareness portion:

Our family provided the awareness items, printing out FPIES information prior the event, writing our son's story and printing pictures to have in a 'scrapbook', and slide show of pictures. Being that our family was coordinating the Benefit and the Fundraiser part was covered with the food vendor, we were able to focus on these FPIES Awareness items and sharing our story.