

"Dine for a Cause" or "Dine & Donate"

This is a common fundraising model where local restaurants partner with non-profits or community groups, donating a percentage (often 10-20%) of sales from a specific day or event to support the organization, encouraging supporters to dine out and show a flyer or mention the cause to get credit. It's a win-win, raising funds for the group and bringing customers to the restaurant, benefiting schools, sports teams, charities, and more.

How it works

- **Partnership:** A non-profit or group teams up with a restaurant.
- **Promotion:** The organization promotes the event to their supporters (e.g., via social media, flyers).
- **The Event:** Supporters dine at the restaurant on the chosen date/time and present a flyer or mention the organization.
- **Donation:** The restaurant then donates a percentage of the sales (excluding tax/gratuity) back to the group.

Examples of participating organizations

- **Schools & Youth Groups:** Sports teams, bands, dance teams, PTO/PTA.
- **Charities:** Literacy councils, community mediation centers, substance abuse programs.
- **Foundations:** Support for culinary businesses or refugees.

Key takeaway

It's an easy way to support local businesses and community causes simultaneously, turning a meal into a donation.

P.F. Chang's

offers a "Dine for a Cause" program (often referred to as Dine to Donate) that allows nonprofit organizations and schools to partner with local restaurants to raise funds.

Key Fundraising Terms

- **Donation Amount:** P.F. Chang's typically donates **10%** of all food and non-alcoholic beverage sales from participating checks back to the organization.
- **Eligible Orders:** The offer generally applies to **dine-in and takeout** orders placed directly with the restaurant.
- **Exclusions:** Donations are not calculated on alcohol sales, gift cards, taxes, or gratuity. Online orders or third-party delivery services (e.g., DoorDash, UberEats) are often excluded.
- **Requirements:** Guests must typically present a physical or digital **fundraiser flyer** or mention the organization's name to their server to ensure the order is credited to the cause.

Eligibility & Restrictions

- **Nonprofit Status:** Only registered **501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations** and nonprofit schools are eligible to participate.
- **Solicitation:** Organizations are prohibited from distributing flyers in or near the restaurant on the day of the event.