

Rummage for Respite

A Fun and Easy Way to Support Alzheimer's Family Services Center

Rummage for Respite is a yard sale coordinated by a group of volunteers who come together in support of AFSC. This fundraising activity is designed to be fun, flexible and easy to do. Below is a suggested checklist of tasks to ensure a successful event:

- Organize a Rummage for Respite planning committee – it can be any size – but ensure each member has a task to complete.
- Select a date and a location to host this one-day event – usually a Saturday or a Sunday in a residential area. Note – some cities require permits to conduct yard sales so be sure to check into this before you finalize your location and date.
- Utilizing the AFSC template, downloadable from the AFSC web site, prepare a flyer to advertise your yard sale at community locations that allow flyer postings, like local coffee houses, libraries, and community recreational centers.
- Promote the yard sale utilizing all the free online resources like Twitter, Facebook, MySpace, Craigslist.com, local community papers, online PennySaver classifieds.
- Prepare signage for day of event with arrows helping those driving by to find the location easily – these can be done with markers and white or colored paper and hung up temporarily around the community. Reminder that these signs will need to come down at the conclusion of the yard sale so this is a good task to assign to someone specific.
- Ask everyone you know to donate items to the yard sale – committee members, friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, fellow students, etc. Ensure you arrange for scheduling of pick up or delivery of these donated items so it is convenient for the person hosting the yard sale (i.e., having a garage full of yard sale items for a week or two may be inconvenient for the host).
- Determine in advance how you will price the items – will you price each item individually or break them into sections - \$1 section, \$5 section, Let's negotiate section.... etc.
- Perhaps throw in a bake sale – bake some cookies or brownies – sell lemonade – food is enticing.
- Please notify AFSC by contacting Anita Rodriguez-Lambert at (714) 593-1842 / ALambert@AFSCenter.org to provide the details of your yard sale as we may be able to help.

Alzheimer's Family Services Center is eternally grateful to our supporters and especially to those who take the initiative to fundraise on behalf of the center. Rummage for Respite not only raises much needed funds but also increases awareness about the center and the quality of services we provide to the community.

THANK YOU!