

HOST INFORMATION & OUR HOUSE TALKING POINTS



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AT YOUR HOUSE FOR OUR HOUSE

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HOSTING A PRIVATE DINNER FOR THIS OUR HOUSE DINNER SERIES SEASON!

Please use the below information and talking points as a guideline to help create a successful event. If you have any questions, please reach out to events@ourhouseofportland.org.

Introduce yourself

Welcome guests, thank them for attending

Special thanks to all the hosts, chefs, supporters who made it happen (shout out anyone who helped make that day possible).

Explain about the services and mission of Our House

Some of your guests may not be a part of the Our House network already. Here are some great talking points to guide your conversation and help give your guests some context for the evening:

- Our House of Portland was founded in 1988, at the height of the AIDS epidemic, when a concerned group of Portlanders began working to provide housing and care for the growing number of low-income people living with HIV.
- Our House clients' needs expand beyond HIV care, as they are individuals that are typically marginalized and living in under-resourced communities who also experience income and other socio-economic disparities. This includes people of color, those who identify as LGBTQ+, and people facing high barriers to stable housing such as histories of homelessness and housing instability, mental illness, and addiction.
- The Our House mission is to provide "integrated health and housing services to people with HIV/AIDS. Guided by compassion, collaboration and respect, we provide 24-hour specialized care, supportive services, and independent housing with support services."
- Today they serve over 750 clients annually through their services;
 - (1) Esther's Pantry, designated as the first LGBTQ+ affirming food pantry in the state by Oregon Food Bank, providing a shopping style experience that inspires independence;
 - (2) Tod's Corner, run in the same format as Esther's Pantry, provides household goods and clothing;
 - (3) Neighborhood Housing and Care Program (NHCP) that provides service to clients in their own homes, addressing their complex, chronic needs using an integrated approach to care; and
 - (4) The Our House Residential Care Program, a 14-bed facility for clients who require constant care.

Share your connection to Our House and share your own experience about why you think Our House is special to our community. The more tailored to your own story and connection you are, the better!

Thank guests for attending the event and let them know that 100% of the proceeds from tonight's event goes directly to the services that Our House provides!

THANK YOU!

General tips for a memorable event:

- If you would like to request any Our House informational materials, please let the Our House internal Development Team know at least a week prior to your event.
- When collecting any donations on our behalf, please ensure checks are made payable to Our House of Portland, and cash is collected with contact information, if the donor would like a tax acknowledgment letter.
- If you would like to go paperless, have your guests scan the below QR code for a direct link to our donation page on the Our House website.
- Make sure to take a ton of photos for social media, and tag us at @OurHousePDX. You can also send your favorites to us post event, via email.
- Once your event is over, and all donations have been collected, please drop-off or send to Our House (2727 SE Alder St. Portland, OR 97214) within 30 days of your event.
- As for speaking, don't worry, there is no right or wrong way to do this, just be yourself! We provided a simple outline, but we encourage you to make it your own!

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