

Quarter Mania

1. WHAT IS QUARTERMANIA- Quarter mania is a cross between an auction (where you hold up a numbered paddle to bid on an item), a raffle (where you are trying to win a prize), bingo (using a chip or ball with a number on it), a home party (gathering with friends), a new way of 'FUN'draising and it's a ton of **FUN!!**

The Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a Quarter Mania for the benefit of St. Louis Center of Chelsea - a caring, residential, family living and learning environment providing for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. And we are giving people a way of donating funds while winning prizes for themselves!!

2. MANIA VOCABULARY

PADDLES: First, you will pay for your bidding PADDLE(S). Each bidding 'paddle' has a number written on it - the paddle is used to hold up in the air when you place your bid. You will need to decide if you want one paddle (\$3.00) or two paddles (\$5.00) or more.... **YOU NEED QUARTERS TO PLAY EACH PADDLE .**

* **BINGO BALL:** Each of your Paddles has a corresponding Bingo Ball which will be placed in a container once you buy your paddle. These Bingo Balls will be drawn to select a winner for each auction item. The winning paddle must be held up if the bingo ball is pulled. If it is not, the Auctioneer will continue drawing balls from the container until a winner is declared.

* **AUCTION ITEMS:** Vendors & Local Merchants (Tastefully Simple, Fancy Stitch, etc.) will bring items for our guests to win. We plan to auction off about 60 items. Each item has a quarter bid associated with it depending on the retail amount of the item (up to 4 quarters per paddle).

* **AUCTIONEER:** will help explain how the 'auction' works. Once the event begins the auctioneer will tell what company the item is from, give a brief description of the item and will tell the guests how many quarters each item is going for.

3. PLAYING the GAME: You've registered, and gotten your paddle(s). You've secured your seat at a table, spent some time looking at all the auction items to see which ones you really want to bid on to try to win!! No item will ever be over 4 quarters!! You would really like to win the item up for auction—so, you will place your bid (from 1 to 4 quarters per paddle, whatever the auctioneer says) in the container on the table - just like everyone else does! You hold your numbered paddle(s) up high (cuz you really want that item) - If you are playing more than one paddle, you MUST place a bid for each paddle that you are going to use. If you have purchased multiple paddles, but you only want to play one or two, please keep the others on the table.

Now, the auctioneer stirs the balls & pulls out a number and reads it to the crowd - (This is the BINGO part.) If it's your number - you WIN the item and you've only paid from 1 to 4 quarters for it. However, if no one had the winning paddle up, the auctioneer will continue to pull Bingo Balls and read the numbers until a winner YELLS out their win! Once there is a winner all Bingo Balls will be placed back in the container & the next item to be auctioned will be held up.