

# Treehouse™

## Pajama Drive FAQ's

### What is Treehouse and what makes it different than other charitable organizations?

Since 1988, Treehouse has filled the gaps for kids in foster care, providing services that no other agency addresses: money for extra-curricular activities and summer camp, professional educational support services, resources to fully participate in the everyday activities of growing up, clothing and supplies to help them fit in at school. For more information about Treehouse, please visit their website: [www.treehouseforkids.org](http://www.treehouseforkids.org).

### How did so many One Eighty - Leisure Care employees become involved in Treehouse?

Six years ago, two of One Eighty - Leisure Care's employees, Tana and Judy, volunteered a day at Treehouse's Wearhouse, the free store where foster kids can shop for much needed items including clothing, school supplies, books, toys and other items. After stumbling upon some pajamas in the back room, the ladies took them out into the store. Within moments, the pajamas were spoken for, added to the shopping bags of grateful foster parents who explained to Tana and Judy how lucky they felt to have been able to get pajamas and asking if there were any more to be had. After a frantic search, they discovered that there were no more. At that point, they vowed to do what they could to ensure that every foster kid in the Treehouse system that wanted pajamas would have them. Over the past five years they have shared their story, and once you hear the story it's nearly impossible not to get involved.

### This sounds great – how can I get involved?

There are several easy and fun ways to get involved:

- **Host your own Pajama Drive or Party** – This is a great way to collect pj's, spread the word about what an amazing organization Treehouse is, and have a great time with your friends. This year we are also hosting a **competition** to see who can collect their pj's in the most creative way. The person or group with the best Pajama Party story will be recognized at the One Eighty – Leisure Care corporate office and receive a fantastic prize. So send us an e-mail or letter with your pajama party story.
- **Donate PJ's** – From now until November 17<sup>th</sup> you can drop off new (with tags on) or gently used pajamas to one of several "Pajama Posts" throughout the area. For a complete list of "Pajama Post" locations, please visit our website: [www.leisurecare.com/pajamaparty](http://www.leisurecare.com/pajamaparty). You can also bring them to our Pajama Party at Treehouse on **November 18<sup>th</sup>** and see the Wearhouse firsthand.

Don't have time to shop? We'll do your shopping for you! Monetary donations are also welcome, and can be mailed to Leisure Care at 1601 Fifth Ave – Suite 1900 – Seattle, WA 98101. Please make sure to indicate that the funds are for the Pajama Party.

- **Volunteer at Treehouse** – On **November 18<sup>th</sup>** we will be gathering the pajamas from all of our Pajama Posts and hosting a work party at the Treehouse Wearhouse to inventory all donations and get them ready for families to take home the very next day. If you are interested in helping with this process, please contact Danielle Browitt at [dbrowitt@oneeightytwist.com](mailto:dbrowitt@oneeightytwist.com).

### I want to host a Pajama Party, but don't know what to do. Do you have any party ideas?

First, let us take care of the invitations! Simply fill out the request form on our website, [www.leisurecare.com/pajamaparty](http://www.leisurecare.com/pajamaparty) and we will mail you all the invitations you need for a great party! Next, pick a theme. Any excuse is a good excuse for a party! Here are a few fun ideas:

*Halloween Party* – Have a Halloween Party and ask that everyone bring a pair of pj's; spread the word through your neighborhood and ask that all kids bring a pair of pj's when they come to trick-or-treat.

*Poker & PJ's* – Cards, cocktails and cozy pj's - need we say more?

*Video Game Party* – Break out the Wii Bowling or SingStar and have a great evening with friends. Board games are great too.

*Polar Express Pajama Party* – Host kids and parents and read the book Polar Express together. Invite the kids (and parents) to wear their pajamas and bring along a pair for someone that doesn't have any. This is a great way to involve kids and introduce them to philanthropy.

**I still have questions. Where can I get more information?**

Please visit our website [www.leisurecare.com/pajamaparty](http://www.leisurecare.com/pajamaparty) for more information, access to party ideas, Pajama Post locations, and much more!