## Host a Vigil in your Home

Make the NOPE Vigil a small, intimate gathering with family and friends to remember your loved one and raise awareness on this issue of drug abuse. Your home vigil can be as elaborate or as simple as you would like! Please refer to the <u>NOPE Vigil</u> Instruction Guide.

Tips to ensure a successful Vigil at your home:

## 1. Plan, plan, plan!

- Choose a location. Hosting the vigil in your home creates a warm inviting feeling for your guests, however, a park or a friend's house are some other great alternatives.
- Create an agenda for the night. Hosting a dinner party, having a potluck, providing appetizers or serving dessert are great ways to start the night. Then, light candles to end the night of remembrance and awareness.
- Send invitations at least four weeks prior to the event and ask guests to RSVP.
- You are not required to raise money for NOPE at your vigil; however, this is a great way to honor your loved one and stop overdose death.

## 2. Raise awareness

Share with friends and family facts about addiction and how it has affected your family in an effort to reduce the stigma associated with addiction so that those who need help are willing to receive it.

## 3. Personalize your vigil

Make your home vigil personalized by placing photographs of your loved one around the room and asking family and friends to share special memories they have of the person you are honoring that night.



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