Blackjack With Class, Inc. Helps Non-Profits Raise Money And Have Fun, Too!

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and card games has to do with a family publication. There are two reasons that I chose to tell you about Margo Wright and what she has accomplished in the 3 years since she has owned Blackjack With Class. The first reason is her mission to help nonprofits raise funds by having casino parties which are free to the organization. Free is a beautiful word to most non-profit organizations, especially today when there are so many budget cuts. The second reason is because of a story Margo shared with me about a Mom who called and wanted to have a blackjack table at her daughter's 1st birthday party, to entertain the adults!

Margo Wright has been in the casino business for over 10 years. Her casino experience includes being a blackjack dealer and coordinator of casino events. Margo's background and experience includes meeting planning, event coordination, management and administration. This unique combination of casino experience and party event planning provides clients with the ultimate experience when dealing with Blackjack With Class.

Margo's company is best known for its ability to host casino parties for nonprofit organizations and fundraising events at no cost to the organization. Dozens of these events are held every year for organizations like St. Rita's Parents Club, St. Monica's Dad's Club, McKinney and Frisco Ducks Unlimited and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Collin County. Margo says, "I like to help people reach their fundraising goals. It's a great way for me to give something back to the community. Most non-profits don't realize the potential: some organizations have raised funding for an entire year in one event." Margo is very generous with her time and with her tables. She often donates casino parties for up to 25 people as a silent auction item or raffle item for fundraising events.

Margo's company has become a family operation. Her husband helps with the set-up and tear-down of parties. Even her 5 year old daughter loves to deal the cards occasionally. What makes Blackjack With Class special is the quality. Margo herself is at every party. Her dealers are professionally trained and professionally dressed and they make the party fun. They will

teach the party-goers how to play blackjack, craps or roulette and they will make sure everyone enjoys the games. Her equipment is of the best quality, too. All tables are draped with black velvet skirts and the table layouts are the same as the Las Vegas casinos. She even uses professional quality 8.5 gram clay chips, just like in the casinos. The playing cards come directly from the Venetian Hotel and Casino Resort in Las Vegas.

Blackjack With Class not only helps non-profits, they also host casino parties for corporate meetings and holiday parties as well as parties for individuals and private engagements, including birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, bar/bat mitvahs and special occasion events. "I've done two bar mitvah parties recently," says Margo.

It never would have occurred to me to provide entertainment for the adults at my children's parties, but what a great idea. How many birthday parties have you attended where are the adults are milling around aimlessly? I know I've been to a few. Let Margo Wright and Blackjack With Class help you raise money for your favorite organization or just have some fun at a private party. She will take great care of you.

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