

## Shower Ministry

*Primary Goal: To serve and encourage the body through fellowship, specifically for the purpose of supporting a bride-to-be or mother-to-be physically, spiritually and practically.*

### I. Sign-up: I am interested in serving by:

- A. Hosting a shower in my home
- B. Assisting with showers by donating money
- C. Assisting with showers by preparing food for the shower
- D. Assisting with showers by coordinating the purchase of a hostess gift

### II. Methods

- A. Shower coordinator indicates to church office shower details (date, place, etc.) as early as possible
- B. Invitations
  - 1. Printed in church bulletin for 2 weeks prior to shower
  - 2. Flyer insert in bulletin 1 week prior to shower
  - 3. Listed on church calendar
  - 4. Invitations mailed to outside the church attendees
  - 5. Church office to send email reminder week of shower

### III. Hostessing Duties

- A. Host home – responsible to provide drinks, utensils and napkins
  - 1. CTK has 75 glass dessert plates that are available to be used at any shower
  - 2. Shower coordinator currently stores plates; she will bring to the shower. Plates are dishwasher safe; they should be returned to shower coordinator following the shower.
- B. Gift purchaser – responsible to gather money from other hostesses, purchase gift and card, wrap gift and get it to the shower
  - 1. Please note – each hostess contributing to the hostess gift should give according to her conscience and is not required to reveal that amount to the other hostesses. The gift purchaser should have the money in hand before buying the gift so no one is obligated to donate more money to the gift than they can afford. Hostesses may also decide to purchase individual gifts rather than one hostess gift.
- C. Preparation of outside invitations
- D. Décor coordination
- E. Food coordination
  - 1. One savory item
  - 2. One sweet item (may or may not be a cake)
  - 3. One additional item of hostess' choice, like fruit or veggie tray or additional savory or sweet item
- F. Financial expectations: WIC at CTK has budgeted up to \$50 for each shower. Receipts should be turned in to Shower Coordinator following the shower. This money can be used to help cover the cost of ingredients for food

preparation, flowers, napkins, etc. Individual hostesses should not be required or expected to spend any money beyond what she desires to donate toward the purchase of a hostess or individual gift.

#### IV. Recipients

- A. WIC-sponsored Bridal and Baby showers are given for all engaged or pregnant women (or groom elect/father-to-be) that are members of CTK. In the event of a unique situation, the shower coordinator will consult with the WIC Liason for a decision.

#### IV. Tips

##### A. Bridal Showers

1. Have a room-specific shower (kitchen, linens, etc.)
2. Have a pounding focused on filling the bride-to-be's pantry: non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, paper products, etc.

##### B. Baby Showers

1. For mothers having their 2<sup>nd</sup> (and beyond) baby of the same gender, diapers are requested.

##### C. Devotion

1. Shower coordinator will ask someone to be in charge of this
2. This time can be spent sharing Scripture; guests asked to share advice/experience/wisdom, directed prayer time, ask guest to write messages, etc.

##### C. Gifts

1. At every shower, gifts are appreciated but are not the primary reason for having or attending a shower. We want the women of CTK to be spending time together in venues outside of the church and encourage the formation of cross-generational relationships as well as to pray and support one another in all stages of life.