

# HOW TO HOST A “DINNER FOR HEALING HEARTS”

## **A Worthy Gathering; Women Helping Women:**

Dinners for Healing Hearts are easy on the pocket book, making it enjoyable for anyone to participate. How many times have you been invited to a fundraiser, expected to make a large donation to a worthy cause, and the cost keeps you from participating? We have set a small goal for direction but are equally concerned about raising awareness. As God’s children come together for others, He touches each with what they should give. CERT International is a small organization and we take pride in an operating overhead of only 1.9%. Rest assured, you will not be building an organization. 100% of your tax-deductible contributions will support the “Educating The Women of Afghanistan” program.

## **Fun-Friendly-Fellowship:**

Coming together in groups is always fun. There is no excess burden on the host when everyone brings a dish. Each participant is expected to bring an appetizer, a main dish, a vegetable, a salad, a fruit, drinks or whatever creation you desire. Just approve it with the host so no one brings the same creation. It’s a great way to swap recipes and meet new friends with similar interest.

## **Host’s Responsibilities:**

Women Helping Women request inviting at least nine friends and or family members. If you do not have nine people you feel comfortable asking, ask your friends to bring one or more. This can make for an exciting evening, meeting solid Christians who share the same burdens for making a difference in our world. Please remember, ten people are not a limit, just a number.

## **Get Prepared:**

A host will coordinate all food preparation for a pleasant and balanced meal. Some may choose to bring their own drink. Please explain the fundraising side, expressing our goal of \$60 per guest, but *definitely* not a requirement. Explain that \$60 educates 3 girls for a whole year. Tax-deductible contributions are to be received by check or cash.

## **Written Materials:**

Materials for “Dinner For Healing Hearts” will soon be available for download off the internet as we are upgrading our website. In the mean time, please call our toll-free number, 888-299-8502, or e-mail [bruce@certinternational.org](mailto:bruce@certinternational.org) to have materials mailed.

## **Dinner Time:**

As a host prepares for an informal gathering, she should provide essentials for the evening. Cutlery, glasses, plates, a variety of drinks, a food dish and a coffee nightcap should be provided unless other arrangements are made. Of course there is no “one way”.

Create your own evening to ensure that all pitch in to help and have fun. As the evening winds, down softly remind everyone the purpose of the evening; Women Helping Women, and collect contributions. Checks are preferred and should be made out to CERT International. If someone gives a cash donation please put it in an envelope and write their name and address on it so we can send them a tax receipt. Checks without addresses should have addresses written on the back of the check. This is most important for all to receive a tax receipt. Thanks for joining the team.

**Mailing Donations:**

All contributions for “Educating the Women Of Afghanistan” should be mailed to:

Educating the Women of Afghanistan

C/O CERT International

PO Box 1129

Crossville, TN 38557

We welcome any questions or comments, which can be mailed to the above address, e-mailed to [bruce@certinternational.org](mailto:bruce@certinternational.org) , or personally answered at 888-299-8502.