

## How to Host A Breaking Bread for Women in Afghanistan Pot Luck Dinner

1. Decide whether to host the event yourself or whether you would like to co host it with a friend.
2. Set a date and time and invite your friends and ask them if they would like to invite friends. Tell everyone about the Pot Luck Dinner project, that they should bring an appetizer, main course, salad, vegetable dish or dessert as well as a cheque payable to CW4WAfghan for a donation. Explain the model of ten guests donating \$75 with a goal to raise \$750, the cost of a teacher's salary for one year in Afghanistan.
3. Review the details on the web site and Frequently Asked Questions at [www.cw4wafghan.ca](http://www.cw4wafghan.ca). There is a lot of information about education for women in Afghanistan, the general situation there, and what Canadians and the Canadian government have been doing. Read our NEWSLETTERS to learn more about where the money goes. These profile several of the Afghan partner organizations receiving funding from your donations. This information and our Breaking Bread pamphlet can be passed around at the dinner if people want more information and will help the host stimulate a discussion about Afghan women's situation. Canadian journalist Sally Armstrong's books Veiled Threat, The Hidden Power of the Women of Afghanistan, Penguin 2002, and Bitter Roots, Tender Shoots, The Uncertain Fate of Afghanistan's Women, Penguin 2008; and/or her CBC Documentary Film *Daughters of Afghanistan* available at major video outlets, also provide excellent background. In addition, please consult the Frequently Asked Questions page (found in the Pot Luck Hosting kit) to better prepare yourself for any questions that may come up during your dinner.
4. For the dinner, you should provide cutlery, glasses, plates, napkins, one dish, perhaps a bottle of wine to start the evening off, juice, water, pop, tea, and coffee.
5. Welcome your guests and advise them that since it's a Pot Luck, everyone is to pitch in and help with their course and with serving and clearing up.
6. The conversation at the dinner can be about whatever people want. Some people have everyone sitting at one table, others do a buffet. At some point around dessert, as the host, you should talk about the project if it hasn't been discussed yet, thank everyone on behalf of CW4WAfghan and the Afghan women they are supporting.
7. Donations: Some hosts place a basket with donation forms and envelopes near the front door so people can make a donation as they wish throughout the evening. You are responsible for collection and submitting all donations to CW4WAfghan. Please request each guest:
  1. Write out their cheques payable to **CW4WAfghan**
  2. Should you wish to accept cash donations, please have your guests fill in the Donation Form so a tax receipt may be issued. Do not mail cash. (Please purchase a money order for cash donations).

As host, please send us a brief note or letter with a short write up about your event and include the total amount you are submitting. Thank you!

If you have questions please email [breakingbreadinfo@cw4wafghan.ca](mailto:breakingbreadinfo@cw4wafghan.ca). Mail to:

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