

**PARTY  
WITH A  
PURPOSE**

**FOR PROJECT 1.27**

**PLANNING GUIDE**



**Project 1.27**  
Fostering and Adopting in Faith

## **WHEN TO HOLD THE PARTY?**

Between March 2 and April 10, Project 1.27 is part of 40 Hands in 40 Days. You pick the day and the time that works best for you during that 40 day period.

## **WHAT IS 40 HANDS IN 40 DAYS?**

It's a contest! It's incentives that stretch your party giving goal! It's our community coming together to support the causes that make our state a better place for everyone. Learn more at [40handsinfortydays.org](http://40handsinfortydays.org).

## **WHERE TO HOLD THE PARTY?**

You don't need to have a luxurious house to hold a successful party for Project 1.27; you just need to be an enthusiastic host who is passionate about Project 1.27. It can be as simple as coffee and donuts on a Saturday morning or wine and cheese in the evening. You could also host it at a local park, a friend's house, or a local clubhouse.

## **HOW MANY TO INVITE?**

Most of the people you invite won't be able to attend, so a good rule of thumb is to invite three or four times as many people as you would like to show up. If you are hoping for 10 or 15 to attend, then invite 30 or 40. You can increase the number of people who show up by making follow up phone calls after the initial invitation goes out, and sending a text or email, the day before the event. And even those who can't come to the party have an easy opportunity to participate.

## **HOW TO SET A GIVING GOAL?**

Consider your friends and family. What's an amount they could comfortably give? Stretch that a little since kids in foster care really need great families. Multiply that by the number of guests, add your gift and that's your goal. For example, 16 guests x \$50 = \$800 + your gift of \$100 = \$900 to impact the lives of kids in foster care.

## **WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN AT THE PARTY?**

Most parties will last around an hour and a half to two hours, and the majority of the time should be spent socializing. A good time for a brief presentation about Project 1.27 is about 30 minutes into the party.

It is a good idea to have several people in the crowd from Project 1.27, such as Project 1.27 families, board members or staff. These people should wear nametags and greet guests, be available to answer any questions the guests may have and thank people as they leave at the end of the night.

## **SHARING PROJECT 1.27**

As mentioned previously, it's a good idea to wait until your guests have been enjoying themselves for a while before calling everyone's attention to the presentation. The presentation can be done by the host, Project 1.27 staff or board members, or a combination. We recommend showing one of our short videos to begin. Inspiring stories about the difference Project 1.27 can make are important, and if the host is a Project 1.27 family, share what Project 1.27 has meant to them. The presentation should be followed with a brief Q & A session and opportunity to give.

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