

Fundraising Toolkit

Hosting a Baby or Fundraising Shower

Consider choosing a theme to tie everything together, this fun and creativity will flow through all elements of your baby shower. You could choose a character from a fairy tale, children's book, cartoon, baby animal, flower or butterfly theme, the choices are endless. Visit our RESOURCES section for templates to download.

Baby showers usually have games which can be creative and inspirational. Our downloadable games pack (FREE when you register as a host) offers a large variety of games, prizes are usually offered for participation in games.

It is common to present a gift to each guest attending the baby shower, often called favours. These range from personalised to gifts matched to the baby shower theme.

A baby shower is a great way to celebrate the arrival of your baby and to celebrate life. A baby shower is an opportunity to get your friends and family together and have fun.

Create your own decorations using the World's Biggest Baby Shower FREE RESOURCES, team them with streamers for a festive yet inexpensive way to spruce up a room! Baby toys such as building blocks, stuffed animals and rubber duckies are great decorative pieces and can be used post event once the little one has arrived!

Remember to visit our RESOURCES section for your FREE TEMPLATES where you can download a selection of templates, including invitations. To save money and time on writing invitations and postage costs, download our e-card and send invitations electronically.

Background music on arrival is nice to create mood and make people feel more comfortable, pick a lullaby CD or download songs relating to babies.

Make a checklist and create a timetable for the day to ensure that everything you would like to happen and how you want it to look is remembered.

Download your FREE baby shower planning checklist at the RESOURCES section.

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Invitations:

Suggestions for wording invitations:

- Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, How we wonder what you are
- Mum & Dad are filled with joy; help us celebrate their new girl or boy
- Trains & Trucks or Ribbon & Bows...Boy or Girl... No one knows
- Cute Little Nose, Sweet Little Smile...A Baby is coming in Just a Short While!
- Someone Special, Someone Dear, Someone New to Love is soon to be Here

Food and Drinks:

Once you have pulled together your guest list you can plan the menu.

Finger foods are easy to prepare and the choice of finger foods is endless including Pigs-in-a blanket, mini quiches, and assorted finger sandwiches cut with cookie cutter into shapes or croissants. Yummy cakes and sweets will promise to be devoured!

Boast beautiful beverages including coffee and tea, punch, homemade lemonade or milk shakes in milk bottles.

Download the Food and Drinks Bar Ideas on the RESOURCES section for more ideas.

Baby Shower Souvenirs/Activities:

- Provide a Baby Shower Legacy Book, most guests attending your baby shower will have lots of experience and knowledge, therefore a beautiful book filled with words of wisdom would be wonderful to read when you are in need of support 24/7.
- Ask guests to buy their favourite baby book and tell a story or write a note inside about why they choose the book, your baby will have a library of baby books.
- Ask all guests to bring a plain white baby romper suit, have a table of acrylic paints and suggest everyone design their own romper for bubs.
- Buy a bag of signing stones and get your guests to write words of inspiration or drawings which can be placed in the garden or in a vase.
- Purchase disposable cameras to hand out to guests and let them have fun taking memorable pictures of the baby shower.

Arrange each guest to have their picture taken with the Mum to be, these pictures will be great to create thank you cards and make a wonderful memory book. (Remember to share the photos with us as well)

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Games:

Plan a variety of games that will suit the guests invited, games are a good way for people to get to know each other and get guests involved.

Register to host a baby shower and receive the games Templates FREE.

Gifts for Guests:

Baby shower gifts are a treat for your guests and a personal way of saying thank you.

Baby shower gifts:

Remember to advise guests that donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible and their donations will help assist young teenage parents.

Maybe have a plant or fake tree as a donation centrepiece and have clips on branches and encourage guests to place notes on the tree as leaves to donate to the World's Biggest Baby Shower.

Make it easy for your guest to donate by setting up a donations box, and place it in an obvious (and secure) place. Tell everyone on the invitation it is either a gold coin or a paper note donation to attend.

Let everyone know they can donate online at any time and give them the following web link, particularly if they can't attend:

<https://www.mycause.com.au/events/worldsbiggestbabyshower>

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