

## Sample Invitations and Follow up note

### Sample Invitations

Most invitations are sent by email or done through evite.com. Use samples below to give you a start in creating your invitation. Simply copy and paste the text into your email message or evite and edit it from there.

### Sample Invitation for a New Chapter

#### Sample 1:

Dear Friends,

Please join me in starting a local chapter of *Dining for Women*, a Giving Circle dedicated to relieving the burden of extreme poverty for women around the world. We will meet, eat, have fun and accept donations for worthy causes that support women and children in developing countries.

By adding our donations to the donations of other Dining for Women chapters across the country, we are harnessing the power of collective giving to make a difference in the world. Bring something good to eat or drink and join us!

Date :

Time:

Location:

#### Sample 2:

Please join us in sharing a potluck dinner together in our kickoff meeting of a new local *Dining for Women* Chapter. We'll each bring a dish to share, meet old and new friends, and learn about the *Dining for Women* Giving Circle as well as the charity for the month (**add this information**). As we "dine in" together and share discussions about universal women's concerns, we can feel empowered by our donations to programs helping impoverished women working to improve their lives!

Our own education is an integral part of our mission: DFW believes that through education, our members become agents of change, capable of altering the face of world poverty **one dinner at a time!**

So bring your potluck dish to share, your donation (any amount in check or credit card) and be ready for a fun, uplifting evening of friendship!

### Sample Invitation for an Existing Chapter

#### Sample 1:

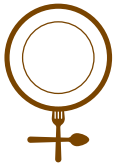
Please join us for the November gathering of Dining for Women members on Nov. 21 at 6:30 PM at \_(location)\_\_\_\_\_.

This month's featured recipient will be \_\_\_\_\_ organization, www.\_\_\_\_\_.org

Please RSVP and bring something yummy to eat or drink.

Remember, Dining for Women is changing the world one dinner at a time.

See you then!



## Dining for Women

### Sample 2:

Dear Friends,

Please join us this month as we dine together for One Acre Fund, Rwanda, an organization dedicated to empowering the chronically hungry to pull themselves out of poverty. We'll each bring a dish to share, meet old and new friends, and learn about the *Dining for Women* charity for August. As we "dine in" together and share discussions about universal women's concerns, we can feel empowered by our donations to impoverished women working to improve their lives!

Our own education is an integral part of the Dining for Women mission: DFW believes that through education, our members become agents of change, capable of altering the face of world poverty one dinner at a time!

So bring your potluck dish to share (your own choice!), your donation (any amount in check or credit card) and be ready for a fun, uplifting evening of friendship!

### Sample Introductory Note

Dear Friends,

The exciting concept of having regular dinners with friends while changing the lives of impoverished women worldwide is so compelling that \_\_\_\_\_ decided to start a chapter of *Dining for Women*.

What is *Dining for Women*? It's a nationwide Giving Circle with monthly potluck dinner meetings. We "dine in" together once a month, and the money we would have spent "dining out" is donated to the organizations *Dining for Women* has researched and found to be viable charities. We in turn empower the lives of women and their families around the world. No contribution is too small.

One of the things that captivated our attention was the *Dining for Women* mission that through education our members become agents of change, capable of altering the face of world poverty one dinner at a time!

We invite you to join us on \_\_\_(date)\_\_\_ for our first potluck dinner and meeting to learn about women around the world who have the same cares and concerns we do, but don't have the same advantages. It will be an evening of socializing with friends, meeting new women, and learning about the charity of the month, Clinique Monique, and the women of a village in Mali, West Africa.

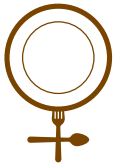
What's so wonderful about us collectively giving is that we individually donate each month whatever is comfortable whether it's \$5, \$10, \$30 or more. When the average income of workers in developing nations is less than \$2 per day, each dollar we donate has a significant impact!

Want to learn more about *Dining for Women* before our meeting? Check out their website at [www.diningforwomen.org](http://www.diningforwomen.org)

In the next couple of days, look for the evite to our first meeting and please RSVP! Friends welcome, too!

So instead of us going out together for a glass of wine, for lunch or dinner, let's pool our resources to make a difference for women in developing countries around the world.

 Changing the world one dinner at a time



## Dining for Women

We look forward to seeing you on \_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_ to learn more about *Dining for Women* and how we together can make an impact. If you have any questions in the meantime, don't hesitate to contact one of us!

### Sample Thank you Follow-up Note

Dear Friends,

Thank you all for joining us last Tuesday for a wonderful dinner and program. A special thanks again to \_\_\_\_\_ for hosting us and to \_\_\_\_\_ for presenting a fabulous program on The Equilibrium Fund (program/organization of the month)!

It was another extraordinary evening with absolutely delicious dishes along with learning about the **Equilibrium Fund** and the impact our contributions will make in areas of poverty, malnourishment and the environment in Guatemala.

*Together we raised \$845 in donations for the Equilibrium Fund to support Guatemalan women's cooperatives producing Maya Nut Products!*

We heard from many of you how impressive the organization is in cultivating a native fruit tree, preserving the rainforest and providing food during times of sporadic need and hunger.

Specifically our contributions to **Equilibrium Fund** will fund:

- **Healthy Kids, Healthy Forests**—a rural school lunch program. The immediate goal of this program is to serve Maya Nut lunches in the poorest Guatemalan schools as a replacement for the unhealthy corn and soy-based snacks currently provided in these schools.
- **Establish Maya Nut tree nurseries** in each participating school with the goal of reforesting 3,000 trees for each school.
- All Maya Nut School Lunch products will be **produced by Guatemalan women's cooperatives**, thereby providing **dignified jobs and steady income for rural women**, as well as opportunities to learn valuable skills such as accounting, planning, organization, and nutrition and business management.

By collectively giving with other chapters nationwide we will directly enable women in Guatemala to become self-sufficient and support an international environment initiative!

Our next meeting is on \_\_\_\_\_, the program is \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ home and \_\_\_\_\_ will present our program. An evite will follow with more information about the evening. *Thank you, \_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_!*

### Chapter Updates: (list chapter announcements, highlight DFW information, events)

Thank you again for joining us in this effort to improve the lives of *so many women around the world*. *Our gatherings are inspiring and motivating - - bringing us to a better understanding of the challenges faced by so many women around the world and knowing that we can make an impact .... one meal at a time!*

Until we gather again to share food and friendship ....our best,

 **Changing the world one dinner at a time**