

## Milestone Birthdays

### **Suggestions and helpful hints to help you plan and prepare.**

We have included a sample invitation that you can use or you can create one of your own. We only ask that you not alter the UJAMAA GRANDMAS logo. You might want to include the little note about UJAMAA GRANDMAS and our work to support the Stephen Lewis Foundation or include the link to our website in the invitation as a way of explaining why you are adding this component of the party.

We suggest that you enclose a donation envelope if you mail out your invitations so that your guests can just drop it in a basket when they come to the party (eliminating any pressure or awkward moments shuffling paper and cheques). If you email your invitations, you can set aside a little table space where guests can write a cheque or tuck their donation in the envelopes you provide. Contact us at [message@juamaagrandmas.com](mailto:message@juamaagrandmas.com) and ask for donation envelopes. A basket for them to be placed in is a nice touch as well.

Please note donations by cheque should be made out to The Stephen Lewis Foundation. Receipts will be issued by the Foundation for donations of \$20 or more.

### **Recipe ideas:**

- Picnic-themed snacks for a summer birthday
- Soup and buns for a cold winter day
- Cupcakes instead of cake
- An all chocolate theme for the chocoholics among us would help set the tone and the fun for each party.
- Making it simple, you could even have a potluck!

**Decorations** can be as simple or elaborate as you want, but it is fun to have a theme; be seasonal or have them highlight the honoured guest's skills or talents. You could use the birthday girl's favourite colour, flowers, sport or pastime as your central theme.

### **Extras:**

You could include a "goodie" bag for your guests, such as a pin cushion for the seamstress or quilter, yarn for the knitters and crochet experts, small bottles of hand cream or even a set of jacks for the lady who was an expert in her day!

Your party could include a few games. You might do 20 questions/answers about the celebrant's year of birth. A game that asks questions about the life and times of your birthday girl might end with a winner who knows this friend the best ... and gets a prize! There could be a journal for the guests

to write little birthday messages to be read and enjoyed after the party is over.

Photos are great to have for remembering a special event such as this. You might want to designate one of your guests as the official photographer. Contact our Communications Coordinator at [message@ujamaagrandmas.com](mailto:message@ujamaagrandmas.com) to arrange to have photos posted on the website. Adding little snippets about your party, such as a game or a recipe that you used would help grow more ideas for others over the year.

### **Donations**

Included for download is a form entitled *Donations* where you can provide all the information about the donations you receive. Once you fill it in you can forward everything to the project coordinator, Carla Lorfing, at [message@ujamaagrandmas.com](mailto:message@ujamaagrandmas.com). Our Treasurer will then send them on to the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Please make sure that each cheque or donation envelope has the UJAMAA GRANDMAS number on it - #77832. This enables the Foundation to track how much money was raised by UJAMAA GRANDMAS through this fundraiser.

### **Contacts**

Speaker's Bureau Coordinator and Treasurer

Project co-ordinator - Carla Lorfing

Thanks to all of you for being part of our new project to support the Stephen Lewis Foundation and its work helping African Grandmothers helping children orphaned by AIDS.