

2018 Fundraising Banquet Table Hosting FAQs

Our goal is to introduce new people to the ministry of Assist and invite them to partner with us financially as we seek to encourage, educate, and empower mothers and fathers to make decisions for life – life for their child and eternal life in Christ. As a Table Host, you play a vital role in identifying like-minded individuals and inviting them to partner with Assist. Here are some frequently asked questions, and our answers.

What is a Table Host, and how does being a Table Host help promote life?

A primary objective of the Banquet is to introduce the ministry to new individuals in our community. Table Hosts help us identify and invite guests to the Banquet who are interested in our mission to promote and protect life.

What is involved in Table Hosting? (i.e. What do I need to do?)

There is no cost to Host. Table Hosts simply invite guests who want to learn about and partner financially with the ministry to attend the Banquet and sit at their table. We recommend inviting 8-12 couples (or 16-20 singles) since we find about half are likely to say ‘yes!’ A full table seats 8-12 people, but you are welcome to exceed that number of guests. On the night of the event, simply be a good host, share a meal, and pass out the “giving tools” when the appeal is made. You’ll be our ambassador to your guests for the evening.

Do my guests have to pay?

There is no cost to attend the Banquet or for the provided dinner, but all guests will be given an opportunity to partner with us financially in this local work to save and protect lives. Guests will be invited to make a one-time contribution or become monthly partners. The Banquet is our largest fundraising event of the year and the generosity of our guests sustains our programs all year long. Other Assist events (like our spring Walk|Run|Ride) or volunteer service projects are better forums for individuals interested in the ministry but unable to partner with Assist financially.

Who is speaking at the event?

This year's keynote speaker is author and speaker, John Stonestreet. John is the President of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview. Guests will enjoy an update on Assist, a keynote address from John, hear inspiring client testimonies, and enjoy a delicious meal.

Is there a financial obligation associated with Table Hosting?

There is no cost to host a table. However, this event is a fundraiser, so we ask that you prayerfully consider sowing into the work that we do at Assist.

What if I am not able to fill my table? When does registration for guests close?

No problem! We will add other guests who do not have a Table Host to your table. After September 27th, general registration closes. A waiting list will be created for any late RSVPs, and guests will be taken off of the waiting list and confirmed as guests as cancellations arise.

How can my guests RSVP?

Your guests can RSVP in three different ways:

- **In-person commitment** to you (you can RSVP on their behalf using the registration link below).
- Via the **Response Card** provided in their print invitation (Mail to Assist and we will add guests to your Table).
- **Online** by going to <https://assistbanquet.planningpod.com/>

What about guest dietary restrictions?

If your guests have any dietary needs or restrictions, please include this information in their RSVP. For further inquiries regarding dietary restrictions, please send an email to Lisa Hess, our Table Host Coordinator, at assistbanquet@gmail.com.

Other Questions? Contact Lisa at assistbanquet@gmail.com or call 703-354-7291.