

TOOL KIT OVERVIEW

SITG FOR WIDOWS

Thank you for your interest in becoming a widows partner with Stand in the Gap for Widows. Below is an overview of what you can expect from our team and what you get when you sign-up to become an active partner. Please follow-up with us at widows@sitgm.org with any questions or concerns and we look forward to talking with you more soon.

Expectations from you:

- Sign-up using the partner application and agreement
- Respond to correspondence from the widows team
- Provide data on the form we send monthly.
- Meet with the Stand in the Gap for Widows team before the Coffee, Cake & Conversations launch event at least 1-2 times.
- Meet with the Stand in the Gap for Widows team on Zoom or in person (for those in the Oklahoma area) at least once a quarter to discuss the status of your program and do troubleshooting.
- Pay yearly membership fee (discussed in first meeting)

What you get from us:

- Access to the online Tool Kit (explained below)
- Quarterly check-ins
- Access to the Stand in the Gap for Widows team via phone, email or text as needed
- Connections to a network of other churches that are doing widows ministry.
- Access to updates to the ToolKit as soon as they are available.
- Relational Care as you walk through this ministry.

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Coffee, Cake, & Conversation

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Coffee, Cake & Conversation Ministry Guide
- Training Video
- Widow Invitation
- Volunteer Invitation
- Combined Invitation
- Agenda
- Event Details
- PowerPoint
- PDF of PowerPoint
- Volunteer Comment Card
- Widow Comment Card
- Digital Response Table Tent

1st Year Ministry

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- 1st Year Ministry Guide
- Developing your 1st Response Team
- 1st Response Team Supplies
- 1st Response Team Steps Checklist
- Basket Supplies Checklist
- 1st Year Training Overview and Document
- Month by Month Overview and Roadmap
- Going Forward After the 1st Year
- Training - 1st Year

Freezer Meals Ministry

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Freezer Meals Ministry Guide
- Training Video
- Freezer Meal Suggestions for the Chefs
- Helpful Links
- Meal Checklist
- Ministry Cookbook
- Pictures
- Sample Thank You to Volunteers
- Volunteer Invitation (editable)
- Welcome Sign (editable)
- Widow Invitation (editable)

Card & Book Ministry

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Card and Book Ministry Guide
- Training Video

Car Care Ministry

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Car Care Ministry Guide
- Training Video
- Car Care Clinic Form
- Car Care Ministry Equipment List
- Pit Crew Member Profile
- Sample Flyer
- Sample Volunteer Letter 1
- Sample Volunteer Letter 2
- Sample Volunteer Recognition
- Sample Volunteer Recruitment Flyer
- Volunteer Sign Up and Duty Stations
- Systems Checklist

Home Maintenance Ministry

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Home Maintenance Ministry Guide
- Training Video
- Home Maintenance 101
- Indemnity/Hold Harmless Agreement
- Seasonal Checklist
- Volunteer Covenant
- Volunteer Recruiting
- Widow Saturday Follow Up
- Widow Saturday Invitation
- Home Maintenance Ministry Work Form Application

Small Group Ministry

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Small Group Ministry Guide
- Training Video
- Five Step Meeting Agenda
- Ministry Roster
- Small Group Curriculum Leader's Guide
- Small Group Curriculum Participant's Guide

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Retreat Ministry Guide

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Retreat Ministry Guide
- Internal Planning Document Examples & Templates
- External Planning Document Examples & Templates
- Devotional Planning Examples & Templates
- Agenda Examples & Templates
- Checklist and Timeline Examples & Templates
- Contact Info and Safety Examples & Templates
- Door Sign Examples & Templates
- Meet the Crew Examples & Templates
- Retreat Recap Examples & Templates
- Song Lyrics Examples & Templates
- Room Assignment Templates
- Room Setup Templates
- Lanyard Template Front & Back
- Event Signage
- Facebook Group Photo Example
- Pre-Retreat Promotional Graphics
- Scripture Graphics Examples & Templates
- Widows Retreat Invitation Graphics
- Invite Email
- Retreat Photos

Social Ministry

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Social Ministry Guide
- Training Video
- Volunteer Sign Up

Additional Resources

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Card & Book Ministry.- Additional books
- Studies and Books for Bible Study (some include study guides)
- Ideas for Homebound Widows or Widows that can't attend activities in person
- Technology
- YouVersion Bible App
- Financial Resources (Estate Planning, Credit Cards, Will, Funeral Planning, Taxes, Budgeting, Free Financial Helpline, Probate and more)
- Grief Counseling/Groups
- Other Important Documents/Steps/Immediate Steps: (Canceling Subscriptions, Social Media, Email, Human Resources Information, Important Documents)
- Dating and Remarriage
- Helping Hands Checklist
- Children of a Widow
- Websites for organizations in our resource guide

Pastor's Guide

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Pastor's Guide Ministry Guide
- A Message from a Widow
- Care Flow Process
- What to Say and Not to Say
- Different Types of Care for Widows
- Different Roles Within the Church

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