# **Hosting a Car Seat BBQ**





### Why?

One of our local Gabriel Project ministry coordinators noticed a recurring unmet need for pregnant women in need within our community - infant car seats. Because of the safety regulations around infant car seats, it is not appropriate to get these items used. However, the cost of purchasing a new infant car seat can be a huge hurdle for some pregnant women. Not to be deterred from her goal, the ministry coordinator came up with this BBQ fundraiser as a way to build a fund for providing infant car seats, which women will be able to receive by referral.

#### How?

#### **Step 1: Decide to get involved!**

All you really need is a barbecue, enough space for some guests, and a willing heart.

#### Step 2: Invite some guests

The vision for these BBQs is not to invite a group of strangers over to your house, but rather to invite all the people you would normally invite to a friendly gathering.

## Step 3: Purchase some BBQ food and drinks

If you submit your receipts to Sanctuary Outreach, we will reimburse you. Please be conscious of how much food you are getting, to minimize waste, and ensure that we are able to cover our costs with money left over for the car seat fund. Consider suggesting that your guests bring chips or salads to share.

### **Step 4: Host your BBQ**

Decide on a reasonable suggested donation for your BBQ fare that will be enough to cover the costs and have money left over for the infant car seat fund. Any cheques should be made out to Guelph & Area Right to Life with "Infant Car Seat Fund" in the memo.

## Step 5: Get the extra donation funds to Sanctuary Outreach

Then relax! Your work is done:). Thank you for supporting pregnant women in need!

#### **Bonus Idea**

Consider approaching a local grocery store, explaining the fundraiser, and asking for a discount on barbecue supplies.

