



STUDENT WOW

Blessings for Students' Spouses

Overview

Students who are married face specific challenges due to being away from their spouse and/or families. Showing hospitality not only encourages the spouse, but it can strengthen their marriage.

Preparing for the Moment

Make sure the mentors and coaches at the center are communicating to other staff about important dates for each student's family. Know when anniversaries and birthdays are approaching and be prepared to do something special that your budget will allow.

Supplies Needed

Have a stock of birthday and anniversary cards ready for the student to pick out, write something special, and give to their spouse.

Budget

\$1-\$40 per student per occasion. A birthday card or flowers on an anniversary can go a long way. An extra phone call or surprise visit will also show the student that you are not only invested in them but in their marriage relationship as well.

Potential Partners

Local florists may be willing to donate their bouquets that need to be turned over.

Execution

Meet with the married student about one week before the important date and start the conversation about what could make the day special for them and their spouse.

Whatever your center can do, be prepared to execute on the day of and do not let the business of the ministry stop you from following through.

Having a specific staff assigned to each student to help with these tasks will help to ensure this aspect of student care doesn't get forgotten.