

## HOME PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

Dear White Ribbon Sister,

The 2012 WCTU kit has arrived! I hope this brings a bit of excitement your way. As serious as the work of the WCTU is, there is still room to get excited and enjoy the work. This 2012 Home Protection Kit once again includes the **White Blanket Campaign**. Did you meet your White Blanket Campaign goals for 2011? Did you gain any Little White Ribboners? Great!! Well set your 2012 goals now and be encouraged. I found the key for success for this tool is being prepared. Have your White Blankets ready to give. Don't wait until you need it, prepare today.

Look at the **Alcohol-free hospitality** suggestions and **Cooking Seminars**. This could be a lot of fun as well as educational. It could be done in a formal dinner setting where you invite guest to attend. Everyone loves a good dinner out. This is a great promotion idea for your local unions.

There are several suggestions for Alcohol-free hospitality. Try one. Make an effort to use these suggestions for promoting and raising awareness of your work in your community. The leaflet, *Alcohol and Cooking*, contains important information to share.

The leaflet, *Teaching Children about Gambling*, is included in this 2012 kit. Share this information along with the FAS material in your White Blanket campaign.

Today's advanced technology presents many challenges for Home Protection. Pornography is a big one. What can we do to protect our homes? Our children? Our marriages? Our communities? I encourage you again to write letters to your government officials concerning these issues. Be a voice. Be counted.

Be encouraged. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jer.29:11  
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God's blessings on your WCTU work in 2012.

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***Home Protection Department***

Dear White Ribbon Sister,

I want to include the White Blanket Campaign in the 2012 Kit. I hope each one of you were able to use this tool in 2011 as a means to promote the WCTU work in your local area. As 2012 is a new year, let us set our goals again, goals to gain new Little White Ribboners in each local union. Remember, this tool can be used as a union project or on a personal level. Look for opportunities to give a white blanket with WCTU information and invitation to become part of our work. Look ahead and be prepared. Pray that the Lord will show you where you can make a difference by using this tool.

### **Home Protection**

The Home Protection Department of the WCTU promotes strengthening of Christian family values, encourages family members to help toddlers and preschoolers to develop a lifetime commitment to total abstinence through the WCTU program, and promotes non-alcoholic drinks for entertainment.

A Little White Ribboner, the youngest member of the WCTU, is a child from the age of birth to six years whose parent (or grandparent) has on his/her behalf signed the Little White Ribboners' Promise. This may be copied onto card stock or redesigned.

**Little White Ribboners' Promise**  
*I PROMISE, with God's help,  
to teach my child to abstain from alcohol  
and other drugs harmful to the body, mind and spirit.*

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### (White Blanket Campaign - p. 2)

A new approach to increase membership in the Little White Ribboner department is the **White Blanket Campaign**. The White Blanket Campaign is a tool designed to be used as an invitation to WCTU and an avenue to distribute WCTU literature. It can be used as individual members or as a local union project. The invitation can be to become a Little White Ribboner and also to the mother as an invitation to join the WCTU. The White Blanket Campaign gives you the opportunity to give and share in the celebration of a new baby and at the same time share informative literature with the parent.

The White Blanket Campaign is taking a white blanket, folding or rolling it, tying a white ribbon around it and attaching a tag with the WCTU union name. You can tuck a Little White Ribboners' promise card under the white ribbon. You can also add FAS material. It can be given as a gift as soon as the parent makes the announcement of the coming baby with the FAS material.

As a local union project, your group could make your blankets, knitted or crocheted, and give to a pregnancy center. A label can be attached to the blanket (ironed on or sewn on) with the WCTU name. A tag (scrapbooking ideas could be used) could hang from the white ribbon bow with a scripture verse on one side and WCTU contact information on the other. The blankets could be displayed in an attractive basket and then taken to the center for distribution.

As an individual WCTU member, you could make this very personal and special by giving the White Blanket as a Little White Ribboner invitation to each of your new grandchildren. It is a way of passing down your WCTU lifestyle to the next generation. The White Blanket campaign would make a very meaningful baby dedication or infant baptism gift (The blanket could also be folded and placed in a gift box wrapped in white paper with a white ribbon tied around the box). This is a great idea for giving at church baby showers, new baby on your street, family and friends. It is also an idea that may be used in welcoming someone to your community that has a baby.

The White Blanket Campaign is designed to help you to reach out to those around you with the temperance message. Don't wait for others, go ahead and start using this idea now. See how many new Little White Ribboners you can reach with this White Blanket Campaign.

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### ALCOHOL- FREE HOSPITALITY

Refreshing fruit drinks are popular around the world!!! Here are two basic drink recipes that are easy to prepare, attractive to serve and delicious to drink. Treat your friends and family to these healthy drinks.

#### **Watermelon Slushie**

3 cups of water

2 cups of seedless watermelon cubes

¼ cup of sugar

2 teaspoons of lemon juice

Freeze cubes of watermelon for about 1 hour.

Pour water, sugar and lemon juice into a blender.

Add frozen watermelon and blend until slushy. Enjoy.

#### **Fresh Fruity Drinks**

4 cups of water

2 cups of fresh fruit (strawberries, peaches, melons, etc.)

¼ cup of sugar

1 teaspoon of lemon juice

Puree water and juice. Add sugar and lemon juice. Chill. Garnish and Serve.

#### **Here are a couple of ideas to use for the promotion of Alcohol – Free Hospitality.**

1. Unions with a website could add a page or tab for alcohol-free hospitality including recipes and entertaining tips.
2. Cooking Seminars could be hosted to invite members, family and friends to learn how to make recipes that call for alcohol with alcohol-free ingredients. Also along the line of cooking classes, a class for children on nutrient and healthy lifestyles choices is a good idea.

Read the *Alcohol and Cooking* leaflet for ideas.

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A new project suggestion for this department is to initiate a contest for alcohol-free hospitality.

The **WCTU Mix Challenge** would be a contest to encourage alcohol-free hospitality and alcohol-free activities among high school students (or any age) and to increase awareness regarding the dangers of alcohol.

This challenge could be fun like a science fair. Each student or group of students (team) must develop a safety message about their drink beforehand. Each group would have a table with the ingredients their recipe calls for. All recipes need to be approved beforehand by a WCTU committee. Each team would mix and create their drink. Then they would give samples to the attendees of the event who would vote for their favorite beverage. The group could be judged on the safety message, taste of their drink, and overall presentation. Attendees could include WCTU members, youth, church members, classes from school, and/or the public.

Prices could be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Also, their recipes could be printed and distributed with the safety message stated. Be sure to state that the recipes become the property of the WCTU. They can could be printed in WCTU publications.

This challenge could also be done in the local Union by members as a meeting feature or entertainment (like cooking shows which are so popular these days.) Valentine's Day or Christmas or a special celebration your country observes could suggest the time to do it. Local members could compete and then ask local news- papers to print the recipes.

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### GAMBLING

*Teaching Children about Gambling* is a leaflet included in your 2012 WCTU Kit and has been used from the following website: <http://casinofreepa.org/images/documents/teachingchildren.qxd.pdf>

You may ask, why talk to children and youth about gambling? According to research, youth in Canada are reporting higher rates of problem gambling than adults. What about your country? Today's youth are the first generation to grow up where gambling is legalized and also glamorized. With the technology used today gambling is so easily accessible for everyone.

Parents have the influence to make a difference in how their children respond to gambling. Don't wait until they are teenagers but start early to talk about the dangers of gambling. Look for opportunities to discuss the risks involved in gambling. Parental involvement is one of the factors that keep young people from engaging in gambling.

Your unions may want to host an awareness-raising workshop or seminar for parents on gambling. This leaflet would be a good handout for parents to take home.

### PORNOGRAPHY

Another concern for parents today is pornography. Addiction occurs rapidly.

It is very easy to find sites on the web. It is possible to purchase a filter for your computer that will make it impossible to reach these sites. However, children can still be exposed to it at a friend's home or other places where there is web connection. Encourage parents to interact with their children about the web sites they use.

With modern technology pornography has become common with the use of cell phones that take pictures. It will be an ongoing challenge for parents to monitor their teens' behaviour. Self-respect and respect for our bodies, God's highest creation, must be taught and modelled.

*Legalizing a harmful activity or substance never removes the harm. It just changes the legal consequences.*

*Legalized gambling is no exception*

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Adults who set a good example are vital in the prevention of gambling and the problems it causes.

Children are adults-in-training who are far more likely to mimic our behavior than listen to our words.

## **IT DOESN'T MATTER:**

**WHAT THE GAMBLING BETS OR WAGERS ARE OR**

**WHAT THE SIZE OF THE BETS OR WAGERS ARE OR**

**WHAT FORM GAMBLING TAKES**  
... lotteries, slots, race tracks, raffles, bingo, cards, etc. **OR**

**WHERE GAMBLING TAKES PLACE**  
... land, sea, air, cyberspace, etc. **OR**

**WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A "THIRD PARTY" WHO MAY ALSO PROFIT FROM THE GAMBLING SPOILS OR**

**WHO THAT THIRD PARTY MIGHT BE** ... government, a public or private entity, a charity or individual, etc. **OR**

**IF GAMBLING IS LEGAL OR ILLEGAL**

because

**ALL GAMBLING EXPLOITS AND**

**ALL GAMBLING IS A FORM OF THEFT.**

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## **TEACHING CHILDREN ABOUT GAMBLING**

*Parents have been the first teachers of their children on many subjects.*

*Even though they may not have even used the word "gambling," it is one of the basics most parents have already taught.*

Gambling interests and their supporters like to spin gambling as so-called “entertainment” in an effort to divert attention from what gambling really is.

Every gambler’s expectation is to take money or something else of value which doesn’t belong to him or her without buying, earning, trading for it or getting it as a gift.



This is called **THEFT** under probably every conceivable circumstance.

Parents must debunk the “entertainment” spin.

***NO ONE WANTS TO BE OR TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN BE:***

- **ROBBED**
- **SCAMMED**
- **VICTIMIZED**
- **CONNED**
- **TRICKED**
- **RIPPED-OFF**
- **SWINDLED**
- **CHEATED**
- **DUPED**
- **DECEIVED, ETC.**

No matter what it is ... toys, food, money or anything else,



parents have told their children,



***“DO NOT TAKE THINGS THAT DON’T BELONG TO YOU!”***



“If other people want you to have their toys, money or other item of value, they will either give it to you as a gift or let you buy, earn or trade for it.”



Children need to be made aware of the many slick, deceptive means which people use to try to change the perception of what gambling really is.