



Daylight Dinner Party Plan

Thank you for your interest in hosting a Daylight Dinner Party. A Daylight Dinner Party is an opportunity for you to share Daylight with your friends and family in a relaxed environment, and in the comfort of your own home. It is a time to enjoy each other's company, eat good food, and learn about and support the important work of this charity.

How It Works

Customize your dinner party by filling out the "Customized Dinner Plan" below. Once you submit your plan, we will schedule a Daylight board member or staff person to attend your dinner party, and provide you with dinner invitation postcards to send your guests. After that, you are simply responsible for inviting your guests, and providing food and beverage! The suggested order of events for your party is as follows:

1. **Introductions.** Serve beverages when guests first arrive and make introductions. Consider making chai tea, a Kenyan staple!
2. **Video.** The Daylight representative will bring a short, 2-minute long Daylight-introductory video to share.
3. **Dinner.** Serve either your own dinner menu, or use the suggestions in the plan below and serve food that is common in Kenya and that the children at Daylight eat.
 - a. Optional food activity (see below).
4. **Presentation.** During, or immediately after dinner, the Daylight representative will talk more about Daylight, its current needs, and perhaps show another brief video.
5. **Discussion.** The Daylight representative may raise questions for discussion, and assist in answering questions from your guests. The Daylight representative will also have Daylight informational materials available for your guests.

Customized Dinner Plan

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- What date and time would you like to host your dinner party? _____
(This can be changed later if you or your guests are better available a different date and time.)
- How many guests do you plan will be in attendance? _____
(We suggest 6 or more guests. Please update us when you have a confirmed number.)
- Select one of the options below for how you will suggest your guests support Daylight at your party:
 - _____ **Per plate.** Request a donation of \$_____ per plate. (Suggested min: \$25)
 - _____ **Eating out.** Suggest each guest donate the amount they would be comfortable spending if they had chosen to eat out at a restaurant if they had not attended your party.

_____ **Current project.** Collectively contribute \$_____ to a current project need at Daylight. (Fill in the collective amount you believe may be contributed by the guests at your party, and we will provide you with current project needs related to that dollar value.) The Daylight representative will focus on this current project need during the presentation time.

_____ **Other.** Please describe:

- What dinner menu do you plan to serve?

_____ My own dinner menu.

_____ I will prepare or provide some of the menu items below that are commonly served in Kenya and at Daylight.

- Rice with red beans (such as kidney beans)
- Rice with red beans and corn
- Sukuma wiki with ugali (fried kale or collard greens with cornbread)
- Chapati
- Boiled potatoes in a clear soup broth (with onion and tomato)
- Corn-based porridge (more often eaten for breakfast than dinner)
- Goat soup (if you are adventurous!)

- Select one or more of the following dinner activities, if you believe them appropriate and beneficial for your guests. This may be especially useful if you selected the “Current project” support option above, and may be decided later, once the current project need is determined.

_____ **Redistribution of resources.** Serve each guest their plate of food with the following portion sizes: 1 plate with 3 servings, 2 plates with 1 ½ to 2 servings, 1 plate with only 1 tablespoon as a serving, all other plates 1 serving (or slightly less). Place an empty serving plate or bowl in the middle of the table for everyone to return their food portions to and then redistribute the food evenly.

_____ **Fetching water.** Ask someone at the beginning of dinner to be in charge of filling and re-filling beverage glasses. (Do not fill any beverage glasses before dinner.) Before dinner, you will set up a beverage container in a far room/place in your home. Inform the guest in charge of where the beverages are located. The only rule is that they may not leave a beverage container on the table, it must be returned to the beverage location after each trip. You might consider providing guests with smaller cups to aid this activity.

_____ **Candlelight.** Turn all electric lights off for dinner, relying only on battery-operated flashlights and/or candles for light to eat by.

_____ **Patchwork.** Rather than providing the food for dinner yourself, have a potluck instead. This activity works best with the “Current Project” donation model than with the “Per plate” or “Eating out” donation models.

Submitting instructions:

By Mail. Print and mail your completed plan to: Daylight Center, 3528 15th Ave South, Minneapolis, MN 55407

By Email. Attach your completed plan to an email to rachel@daylightcenter.org (or simply list your answers in the main body of your email).