

EMMAUS SPONSORSHIP EDUCATION

It is a huge blessing to sponsor a Brother and/or Sister-in-Christ on their personal Walk to Emmaus. To share the experience with someone else is a great thing. But along with sharing comes responsibilities. Sponsorship is THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB of the Walk to Emmaus weekend. It is more than signing up a friend to attend a retreat. Sponsors will impact the lives of new participants, the health of the Emmaus community, and the churches who have members attending the Emmaus weekend. Sponsorship is taking responsibility for another. It requires a commitment to be a servant to your participating pilgrim before, during and after their Walk experience.

A Sponsor Will:

- Pray for the participant's openness to God's call to discipleship.
- Make an appointment with the participant (*or participating couple*) to discuss his and/or her participation in Emmaus.
- Invite the participant to take part in Emmaus for the sake of a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ. The sponsor shares his or her faith, explains the basic purpose, elements, and follow-up dimensions of the Walk. All of this detailed information is available at www.upperroom.org under The Walk to Emmaus program. (*On the right side of the homepage*)
- Ask the participant to make a commitment by filling out a Request for Reservation form. If the participant is married, the sponsor will speak with both partners and encourage an equal commitment by both spouses.
- Solicit Agape Letters from family and friends of the participant in advance of the weekend.
- Make sure the participant understands, in advance, the requirement of NOT bringing a watch, cell phone or other electronic device with them on the weekend and explain why.
- Pick up the participant at home on the evening the Walk is to begin. Carry their luggage as an act of servanthood. Drive them to the church. Walk them through registration and help get them settled in their sleeping quarters. Assure them that you will be back at the end of the weekend to drive them home as well. Also, attend Sponsors Hour following Send Off and pray over the participants cross.
- Support the participant's Walk through prayer and otherwise. The sponsor will also support the participant's family by house-sitting, baby-sitting, watering plants, picking up mail, feeding pets, or just checking in with a spouse to see if any help or support is needed.
- After the weekend, encourage the participant in his/her continued journey and take the participant to the follow-up meeting, Emmaus Gatherings and a share group.
- Help the participant re-enter his or her church and consider ways to act out new commitment and enthusiasm.
- Help the participant to sponsor others.

Please prayerfully consider whom **YOU** could make a commitment to sponsor for the Northern Lights Emmaus Men's and Women's Walks in the future. For a **Request for Reservation Form**, go to www.northernlightsemmaus.org. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact any member of the Board of Directors. All contact information is available on the Northern Lights website.

May God Richly Bless Your Fourth Days.

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