



*We welcome you!*

### **mission statement**

The purpose of our Mom2Mom group is to reach out to moms in our community: encouraging them in their season of life, meeting practical needs, building on mothering skills, and fostering healthy relationships in a God-centered environment.

Welcome to Mom2Mom! Being a mom is one of the most rewarding jobs in the world, but also one of the most challenging. We all need the support and encouragement of others and that is what Mom2om is all about.

This handbook will provide you with some of the details of our group. We want you to remember, this group is *your* Mom's group. We are constantly looking for new ideas to try, new topics to study, new places to go... We encourage you to share your thoughts with anyone on the leadership team.

Once again, welcome! Join us as we take the journey of motherhood together!

-Your Leadership Team

### **leadership team**

This group is made up of women just like you. Please contact any of these women with concerns, questions, or suggestions. We always need more help in all areas! Call today to volunteer!

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## our discussion groups

To create more personal connections and foster continuing discussion, some meeting topics will allow us to break into smaller discussion groups led by leadership team members. These groups are designed to help provide insight and encouragement to you, as well as give you a chance to get to know other moms on a more personal basis.

In addition to friendships, we hope these groups will act as a support system to help in times of crisis. If you have a death in the family, hospitalization, new baby, etc., please contact the Director or Care Coordinator immediately. Mom2Mom may be able to help with meals, childcare, prayer and other support. For many of us, our Mom2Mom group is the closest “extended family” we have.

Remember that building friendships takes time. Our meetings do not provide enough time to build friendships, but we hope that the discussion groups will introduce you to women with whom you may choose to build a relationship. We encourage you to get together outside of our meetings. True friendships don't just happen; they take time and effort.

## discussion group guidelines

- Everything shared within the group MUST be kept confidential.
- Do not give advice to other members of the group unless members are specifically seeking advice.
- Do not judge members of the group or their parenting styles/choices.
- Keep answers brief so that everyone may have a chance to share.
- Listen attentively to the person sharing. Please do not interrupt or talk to someone else while there is a member sharing aloud.
- Close group time with a prayer.
- Enjoy yourself, the women in your group, and this rare and treasured time of adult conversation.

## childcare

Our children's program is set up as follows:

- Infants through age one- enjoy group play and interaction, stories, and music. They will be cared for according to your instructions.
- Children age two through Pre-K- enjoy stories, videos, and recreational play under supervision.

To help our program run smoothly, we ask the following from you:

- When you arrive, please put your child's nametag on their back and hand the child to the teacher at the door. The workers are prepared for crying children and will immediately take care of your child. If your child needs you during the morning, someone will text the phone number given or come and get you.
- Please have all items in your diaper bag marked with your child's name (i.e. bottle, pacifier, etc.). Make sure your diaper bag is also labeled with your child's name.
- Please provide any important information about your child to the childcare workers (i.e. allergies, food concerns, bathroom instructions). For safety reasons, we will NOT be administering any medications.
- Childcare is available from 9:00-11:00 A.M. Please be prompt for arrival and pick up.
- Please notify childcare workers or Childcare Coordinator with any suggestions or problems. The Mom2Mom Leadership Team is striving to make the program the best it can be.

## policy for sick children

If your child has a fever, diarrhea, an unexplained rash, pinkeye, or a discolored-mucous runny nose, please DO NOT bring the child to Mom2Mom. Your child must be 48 hours removed from any contagious illness such as stomach virus, flu, colds, etc. Your child most likely will not feel like being there and would risk infecting an entire classroom. We also kindly ask that your child is brought to the classroom with a clean diaper on. Thank you for your help and understanding in this area.

## moms night out (MNO)

Each year we try to plan several evenings out for moms. Watch for announcements in the monthly emailed newsletter, on the website, and the Facebook group page. Have an idea? Please share it with the Hospitality Coordinator! Plan to take some time for yourself this year- you deserve it!

## inclement weather policy

In the event of bad weather, our group will follow the decisions of the Batesville School Corporation. Listen to local radio stations for school closing information. In the event of delays or cancellations, Mom2Mom will be cancelled as well.

## home business policy

Many mothers at home choose to bring in a second income with a home-based business. We want to be able to give everyone an opportunity to promote her business, but we have established guidelines for marketing a home-based business at our meetings as follows:

- No verbal announcements may be made about specials, parties, or open houses. Feel free to post these on the **Mom2Mom For Sale** Facebook page ONLY.
- Our resource table may be used for business cards or small handouts. These need to be removed at the end of each meeting or they will be discarded.
- Phone numbers and email addresses of members are not to be used for solicitation purposes
- Utilize our Home-Based Business Listings on the Mom2Mom website to get the word out. Please notify the Publicity Coordinator if you wish to be added.

## fees

We do not have a fee for attending Mom2Mom. We are, however, asking for a **\$35 donation per semester**, or whatever you are able, to help with expenses (i.e. childcare workers, speakers, office supplies, etc.). Occasionally, there will be a small fee for a craft or special event morning. We never want cost to deter anyone from attending!

## Facebook group pages

The Mom2Mom Facebook group page and monthly emailed newsletter will be our primary means of communication with you. All events will be posted here with reminder posts as events draw near. Please feel free to post stories about your children, recipes, encouragement, etc. It is a great way for us to get to know you! This is a safe space as only registered members of the Mom2Mom group may read and post to the page. Privacy and safety are very important to us.

With that in mind, we ask that Facebook posts be kept respectful in all arenas. If you are seeking advice from the members of this group, you are welcome to post and ask the question. If you have a negative comment about someone else or some other entity that is part of our community, we would kindly ask that you "private message" that person to give your opinion. We are not a group

that bashes each other. We understand that some people may have had bad experiences with various businesses in our community, but this is not the place to air such grievances. We need to be considerate of ALL members of Mom2Mom and the hurt feelings that might take place before we respond. We are all about encouraging each other through this season of motherhood!

We have created a Mom2Mom For Sale page with the purpose of providing a place for our Mom2Mom community members only to buy, sell, and trade items. This page also provides the opportunity for those moms with home-based businesses to advertise and sell their products and services. With the creation of the For Sale page, we kindly ask that all promotional material and advertising be kept to the For Sale group only and not on the main Mom2Mom Batesville Facebook page.