



# The Northwest Catholic Counseling Center

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## COS Hostess FAQ

### **What is the format of the virtual event?**

We will be using the Zoom platform for the virtual event. You and your table guests will receive a link to the event. The virtual event itself will be 50-60 minutes long starting at 10 am, with time before and after for you to visit with your table using “breakout rooms.” The virtual event will include guest speakers and an appearance from our founding sisters! There will be an option to donate online during the event, or you can request an email or snail mail copy of the donation forms.

### **What does “hosting a virtual table” mean?**

The Zoom platform has a breakout room function where just you and your guests can have a private space. The breakout rooms will be available on October 10<sup>th</sup> between 9 am – 10 am and 11 am – 12 pm. You may choose your time slot, or use both! As usual, you will encourage your guests to give generously.

### **Do I need to download Zoom to participate?**

To have a virtual breakout room, you will need to create a Zoom account and download the Zoom program onto your computer. Don't worry, it's free! Create a Zoom account online at <https://zoom.us/freesignup/>. Download “Zoom Client for Meetings” at <https://zoom.us/download>.

If you just want to attend the live Zoom event *without breakout rooms*, **you do not need to download or create a Zoom account**. You'll only need to click on the Zoom link that will be emailed to you.

### **How will my table be donating during the event?**

NCC will provide you donation materials. There will be an online donation link ([see it here](#)) you can encourage your guests to use, or we can email or snail mail your guests physical copies of the donation forms.

### **Virtual tables won't be the same. How will I feel more connected to the other attendees?**

We know. ☹ To help you feel more connected in our new virtual format, we're including a few new pieces for the event. You and your guests will be mailed a packet of tea for you to enjoy together during the live virtual event. We're hosting a sing-a-long everyone can participate in, near or far. And, as it will be brunch time, we're encouraging everyone to support a local bakery or restaurant with take-out!

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**Can I invite friends and family who are out-of-state?**

That's the beauty of going virtual – you can invite friends and family from all over the country (even all over the world)!

**Instead of a virtual table, can I invite my table to an in-person gathering?**

Absolutely! If it is safe, you can host an in-person gathering on October 10<sup>th</sup> and watch the live Zoom event together, or you can host an in-person gathering any time during the Circle of Strength Campaign between October 3<sup>rd</sup> – October 18<sup>th</sup>. If you host after October 10<sup>th</sup>, you'll have access to the recorded video of the live event. NCC will provide you tips for hosting your own gathering, as well as any materials you may need.

**Why do I have to pay for a virtual event?**

Unlike previous years, tickets are 100% tax deductible this year. That means, all of the funds from event ticket sales and donations go directly to support NCC's mission.

**What if I want to participate in the virtual event, but can't afford it this year?**

You can still participate! Contact us at 503-253-0964 or [donate@nwcounseling.org](mailto:donate@nwcounseling.org) for a reduced rate.

**Will there be a recording of the event that I can send to my guests who can't make it?**

Yes! We will make a recording of the event public on the [NCC YouTube page](#) that you can send to your friends and family. We will also include the [online donation link](#).

**Is there going to be a raffle this year?**

Yes! Our raffle will be completely online this year ([see it here](#)). You can purchase tickets on our website. Raffle prizes include gift cards, virtual story time, jar of cash, and more! Raffle tickets are \$5/ticket or \$20/5 tickets. If you would prefer to purchase raffle tickets over the phone, please call us at 503-253-0964 and ask for Kim. ***Raffle ticket sales will close on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM PT. Raffle ticket sales are not tax-deductible.***

**This seems too complicated for me. What are other ways I can support NCC?**

If October 10<sup>th</sup> doesn't work for you, you can host an in-person gathering or virtual happy hour on your own during our Circle of Strength Campaign October 3<sup>rd</sup> – October 18<sup>th</sup>.

If that format doesn't work for you, you can also do a letter, email, or Facebook Fundraising Campaign.

For all of these options, we'll provide you with the materials you'll need, and every penny raised goes to women and children in need. Need more ideas? Ask us!

**Will you help us navigate technology?**

Absolutely! Just let us know what you need help with! Contact us at [donate@nwcounseling.org](mailto:donate@nwcounseling.org) or 503-253-0964 and ask for Kim or Erin.