

100 Ways for a Deacon to Express Care

1. Birthday cards
2. Introductory letters
3. Small gifts
4. Took to breakfast
5. Communicated with children of families in my group
6. Listened to a parent suffer through the first days of school
7. Visited sick at home
8. Telephone calls
9. Sympathy cards and note
10. Visited at church
11. Took a single to lunch after church
12. Copied a favorite children's tape and took it to several children in my group
13. Took a single to a play
14. Invited family to church supper – provided their food
15. Took 15 year old to get his driver's license when his parents were out of town
16. Invited and picked up four members
17. Gave "out of town" luncheon for bridal party
18. Took food to family in crisis
19. Took teenage son to a college football game
20. Organized food and kitchen help at time of death
21. Stayed at home of family during funeral
22. Visited in grocery store
23. Sent Valentine, Easter and Christmas cards
24. Tried to be a good listener
25. Pray for care group regularly
26. Dinner party in home
27. Informal barbeque around pool
28. Invited to a luncheon
29. Invited and encouraged inactive member to attend church
30. Tried to give business to member
31. Took homemade soup to a single man for his lunch at work
32. Babysitting
33. Helped someone else in care group have a party for our group
34. Took cookies to children as introduction at first visit
35. Baked bread for the care group
36. Attended funeral of a care group member
37. Visited funeral home
38. Visited hospital
39. Brunch for group after church
40. Took widowed older lady to lunch
41. Invited to a weekday lunch
42. Took to church Thanksgiving dinner
43. Visited new baby – took small gifts to other children
44. Wrote note of congratulations
45. Organized meals upon arrival of new baby
46. Called out of state during family illness and death
47. Encouraged a care group member
48. Helped move furniture
49. Helped single move to another residence
50. Took plant
51. Took photos
52. Learned to call children by name
53. Took Sunday New York Times to hospital
54. Baked small breads
55. Fixed and took meal for ill at home of a care group member
56. Went out of way to speak and visit at church functions
57. Called just to say hello and get family news and activities
58. Invited and met for "dutch" breakfast and lunch

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59. Substituted for Sunday School teachers of group children
60. Hosted reception to celebrate baptism
61. Taught VBS with/for group members
62. Sent flowers with a card to hospital
63. Helped pack and drove member home from hospital
64. Helped find a good babysitter
65. Loaned a good book
66. Shared a good recipe
67. Sat and visited with family before and during operation of elderly parent; brought fruit and snacks to eat while waiting
68. Regularly visited during hospital stay
69. Brought magazines of special interest to hospital patient
70. Prepared and delivered container of homemade ice cream
71. Took flowers picked from yard
72. Helped with yard work for elderly member
73. Delivered party tray of snacks to family during Christmas visit of grandparents
74. Cooked and delivered salted pecans
75. Cut out newspaper article and sent it with note
76. Wrote note expressing appreciation and affirmation
77. Expressed thanks for special church service work
78. Made effort to greet with smile, twinkle, handshake and brief chat
79. Wrote notes of rejoicing to child and parents upon child's baptism
80. Organized church team to work on Habitat for Humanity project
81. Invited children over to play with our children
82. Hosted dinner party for new members to meet others
83. Helped get new members involved by learning of interests and suggesting activities in area of interest
84. Sent special birthday cards to small children in family
85. Sent box of homemade candy to college student away from family
86. Gave small houseplant I had rooted and grown
87. Made and delivered cookies when college student returned home for visit
88. Invited over to watch football game on TV
89. Invited to attend concert
90. Listened when member needed to talk about a career change anxiety
91. Listened to frustrations of preschool mother
92. Attended school graduation
93. Copied and delivered audio tapes of Sunday sermon to homebound
94. Drove elderly single to and from grocery
95. Delivered Christmas poinsetta
96. Did odd jobs for elderly widow
97. Helped elderly widow choose/deal with contractor/repairman
98. Wrote letter to care group regarding special events of the church
99. Delivered an Easter lily to care group member
100. Wrote cards for all special events in lives of care group members; e.g.: birthdays, anniversaries, hospitalizations Christmas, Easter