

HOME PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

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The **purpose** of the **Home Protection Department** is to strengthen Christian family values, to encourage family members to help toddlers and pre-schoolers to develop a lifetime commitment to total abstinence through the WCTU program, and to promote non-alcoholic drinks for entertaining.

Dear Home Protection Director,

You have the opportunity to encourage young mothers in the nurturing of their children, to help them keep their homes safe from harmful drugs and influences, and to demonstrate ways to entertain in attractive ways without the use of alcohol.

The Little White Ribboners is the program designed to get mothers, fathers, grandparents, and other interested family members to make a commitment to teach the child (birth to age 6) about the advantages of a lifestyle free from the use of drugs. The white ribbon is tied on the child's wrist to symbolize this commitment. We have included a copy of the service to use in previous Kits and it will be given again in the Program Kit that will come out near the end of the year. We encourage you to recruit families within the membership to start with and then reach out to others. You can begin now to talk to them about participating in this service.

The observance of **FAS Day - September 9 at 9:09** - comes under this department. We have suggested the ringing of bells at that minute to sound the alarm about the danger of pregnant women drinking alcohol. You may read more about it at: www.fasday.com.

Here is another idea to promote awareness of FAS - [the FAS Knot](#). A knot can be made easily and cheaply in less than a minute. (*See diagram below*). The cord is tied in a square knot. Use an eight-inch (203mm) piece of 3/16" (4.76mm) white cord, usually available in hardware stores. Thinner cord may be used. Make a circle approximately the size of your thumb, then tie right over left and under, left over right and under. It should look like two loops intertwined. Use a straight pin or safety pin to fasten it to your blouse.

The circle symbolizes the womb, a baby's head, the human brain, the earth. We, a network of people who care about people living with FAS are the knot that will make them whole. If women do not drink during their pregnancy, FAS will be totally eliminated. The long-range goal is to rename this small piece of cord, "The FAS Not!"

Yours for a drug-free world,

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