

Is There Anything for Me to Do?

**Surely there's something I'm meant to be helping with...**



**Tell your son and bride-to-be that you are willing to help** and would love to be kept in the loop as they make plans

- On your own you can start by **getting your guest list in order**.
  
- Check with the bride's mother to see what she **plans to wear**; though you certainly may choose your outfit based on your own taste, it's usually a plus if the mothers try for a somewhat coordinated look.
  
- Most of all take some time to **think about the expenses** traditionally paid by the groom's family; which ones do you feel you can take on? The list of these expenses ranges from buying corsages and boutonnieres for the groom's attendants and immediate family members to planning and paying for the rehearsal dinner. In some cases the groom's family also hosts a bridal shower or a post-wedding reception in their hometown - particularly when the wedding is small and they'd like friends to meet their new daughter-in-law.
  
- Let your son and his fiancée **know how you'd like to contribute** (financially or otherwise) so that they can plan accordingly. The more you talk the more likely you'll find opportunities to get involved.