

# the JOY MAKER CHALLENGE



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## Be a Joy Maker!

*The holidays are a wonderful time when people celebrate with their family and friends. But for some people, the joyful holiday season can feel lonely. By completing acts of joy through meaningful service, you can bring holiday cheer into the lives of people in your community and across the country.*

**Issue Area:** Any

### **Project Name:** Charity Bake Sale

**What You're Doing:** Selling baked goods for a cause!

**Project Summary:** As we approach the holiday season you may find yourself feeling more grateful, compassionate and charitable than at any other time of year. Get into the holiday spirit by raising money for a special cause or your favorite charity by selling baked goods. In the wake of the recent refugee crisis, consider raising funds for Save the Children, who will distribute them to kids who have had to flee their homes.

#### **Ideas to Chat About:**

- What cause is important to you, and why?
- Why is it important to raise money for this cause?
- Who will receive the money raised? How will it be used?

#### **What You Need:**

- Baked goods (cookies, cakes, pies, etc.)
- Card tables or folding tables
- Labels for baked items/goods
- Tablecloth
- Decorations and signs to grab attention.
- Garbage container and garbage bags for cleanup
- Folding chairs
- Crock pots to keep items like hot chocolate warm or a cooler to keep items cool
- Cash box - you need to keep your funds in some sort of container.
- And change for large bills

#### **Project Instructions for:**

- **Grades K-2:** Have youth this age help bake the goods.
- **Grades 3-5:** Have youth this age help with baking, packaging, and clean-up.
- **Grades 6-8:** Gather a group of individuals to make baked goods to sell at a school/ neighborhood event.
- **Grades 9-12:** Have the teens take a leadership role in planning and organizing this fundraising event (Ex: Draft and send donation request letters to local bakeries for baked goods).

**Project Instructions:**

1. Decide what kind of an organization you would like to send the proceeds to. It may help to make a pamphlet or flyer to explain your charity. If you would like to donate to Save the Children and help refugee children visit: <http://bit.ly/JTeixX> to learn more.
2. Decide on a venue. Hold the bake sale at a public spot/event or in a school. Make sure that it is ok to hold a bake sale at the spot you choose, and get permission from the appropriate parties.
  - a. Contact a local retail store to set up a table nearby.
  - b. Find holiday festivals and special events like street fairs, public concerts, and other big public events.
  - c. School plays, concerts and parent nights are excellent bake sale opportunities.
3. Get your friends and family to help.
  - a. Make it clear what the cause is, when the bake sale is, and have reasonable shifts available.
  - b. Ask for additional help setting up and cleaning up.
4. Publicize the event. Design attention-grabbing and colorful flyers with the date, time, place and cause being supported. Design and share posters online/social media or put paper ones up in frequented areas.
  - a. If you are selling at a school, have your bake sale announced over an intercom, in the daily notice or school paper, or whatever is available.
5. Bake the items you wish to sell. Divide the baking between many participants, if possible.
  - a. Make sure to package goods in sale-size quantities, perhaps two to three cookies to a package or one cupcake or larger item.
  - b. Alternatively, buy goods from a local bakery or shop. This is easier for people who can't cook, or don't have the time.
  - c. Make sure to label ingredients on the baked goods. Some people have food allergies and sensitivities.
6. Organize yourself and have your booth or table ready with a sign.
  - a. Put out a jar for tips or donations. Some people may not be hungry, but they still might want to support your organization.
7. Bring a supply of small paper plates, paper towels, plastic forks, napkins, cups if you are serving drinks that require them, and plastic wrap, bags, or foil.
8. Be courteous and leave your area as clean as or cleaner than you found it.
9. Donate your funds! If you are donating to help refugee kids through Save the Children, visit: <http://bit.ly/1KMvQHx>.

**Reflections:**

- What was the most fun part of doing a bake sale?
- How did this bake sale help your cause?
- What challenges did you face while organizing a bake sale? What would you do differently?

**Additional Resources and Suggestions:**

- Read *An Orange for Frankie* by Patricia Polacco: Set during the Great Depression, this is a moving story about how the joy of giving can be contagious.
  - Figuring out what to make can be hard, but here's a list of the 25 best bake sale treats and recipes to make it a little easier for you: <http://bit.ly/1Sm6XoV>
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