



# Having a Bake Sale at Work

Many successful bake sales are held at offices and other work locations. Hosting a bake sale at work is a great way to encourage teamwork among colleagues and more importantly, have fun while helping children at risk of hunger.

## Workplace Bake Sale Tips and Ideas

- Build a bake sale team – involve everyone who would like to help, from interns and administrative staff to executives.
- The best location for your bake sale will be somewhere with high foot traffic like the lobby or entrance to your building or cafeteria.
- Combine your bake sale with a company or community event such as a festival or holiday party.
- If you don't have a location for your bake sale, consider hosting a mobile bake sale; go office to office selling your baked goods.
- Pre-Order Bake Sale - take orders in your office ahead of time and deliver goods.
- Have a 'no host' bake sale in your office kitchen by placing baked goods on a platter next to a donation jar.
- Use your company's communication resources such as company emails, intranet sites, bulletin boards and newsletters to get the word out about your bake sale.
- Talk with your HR or Community Involvement department or committee; they may be able to help you with organizing and running your bake sale.
- Most companies have a matching gift program. Check with your HR department to see if your bake sale is eligible for the program.
- Have your company make a corporate contribution and sponsor your bake sale. Some companies have made contributions of \$500, \$1,000, \$2,500 and even as large as \$10,000.



## Alternative Fundraising Ideas

Can't have a bake sale at your work site? Try one of these alternative fundraising ideas or use these fundraisers to supplement your bake sale funds.

- Jeans Days or Casual Days – employees make a donation and are able to dress down for a day
- Raffles, Silent or Live Auction – items can be experiences or items donated by staff members or local businesses
- The President's Chair – raffle off a chance to sit in the President's Chair for a day
- Lunch with a VP or other Executive – this could also be a raffle or auction prize
- Host other events – Outdoor Fun Day, Bicycle Race or other sports tournaments, Office Talent Show or Karaoke Night
- Host a contest - best costume, best decorated office, and have colleagues vote with donations for the winner
- Have a Dunk Tank or Pie Throwing Booth with managers as the targets



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