

## EASTER EGG HUNT AND BARBECUE

- General Focus: Easter Egg Hunt  
This project was designed to recreate the old time Easter egg hunts that my family had and that I had gone to over the years. The recipients were mothers and children with out homes or "special events" and living in the shelters.
- Audience: children and moms at the \_\_\_\_\_ Family Shelter the day before Easter Sunday.
- Budget: \$85.00 + donations

### HOW-TO

#### A. Preliminary Steps

1. I called the current manager of the family shelter, set up an appointment, and went down to review our idea. I followed up with several calls and still found there to be some miscommunication. There was a small park next to the local mission and family shelter with barbecue pits and tables that we wanted to use.
2. Started a checklist of items we would need. Let it be known we were taking donations of candy (one person donated fifty 6" chocolate bunnies), baskets, and plastic eggs.
3. Broke the event into two different parties, one to stuff the eggs and prepare the baskets, and one to actually put on the hunt.
4. Drew up a flyer to send to all friends and volunteers.
5. Purchased larger items wholesale after pricing--candy, hot dogs, etc. See attached budget.
6. Went to look at the location to be used for both the hunt and the barbecue. (Always check: parking for volunteers, ease of unloading, gate access, etc.)
7. To make it look more festive we decided to add balloons.
8. Made up volunteer list of items to do. Prepare to hand out assignments when needed, or do it yourself if no volunteers are available.

#### B. For the Egg Stuffing Party:

1. Served ham cubes, cheese cubes, dips and wines to everyone that came to help stuff the plastic eggs with candy and prize slips. (We had great fun, stuffed 397 eggs, added lace to the baskets and filled with paper grass.)
2. Set up the packing of the truck the night before --all eggs, baskets, supplies for barbecue, prizes to give away.
3. Set up a caravan to leave in front of our house. They followed the truck down and hid the eggs. Had helpers for the barbecue.

4. Used no media coverage.
5. We served everyone and it felt wonderful--hot dogs, chips, cokes, cupcakes.
6. All of the children and moms enjoyed the baskets of goodies. We handed out prizes, stuffed rabbits, (used, donated, cleaned with new ribbons), jelly beans, bubbles, and kites.
7. Did a complete clean up of the area prior to leaving. Hugged all of the kids and moms as well as the staff of the family shelter.
8. Everyone who participated or donated in any way received a thank-you angel pin and a follow-up flyer detailing our results.

Stumbling Block: A new staff person at the family shelter had lots of things going on at the same time. {They forgot to defrost the hot dog buns.} But we did not panic, and everything worked out okay. Good to have a backup plan just in case you should run into unexpected challenges.

High Points: After arriving, hiding the eggs, placing the balloons, and starting the barbecue, the children and moms were lead through a gate into the park. At the entrance to the gate, our volunteers stood handing out the baskets and encouraging them on. The mothers asked if they might join in the egg hunt also--most admitted they had never been to one. We said YES and gave each of them baskets also. It was almost as touching to see the pleasure it brought the moms as it was to watch the children.

Most touching moment: Driving away, we knew that we had touched some lives and given them the gift of a memory.

## BUDGET

Baskets	\$ 10.00	(+ donations)
Basket grass	\$ 3.00	
Ribbons to dress up the baskets	0	
Rubber stamps for flyers	\$ 7.00	
Plastic eggs	\$ 10.00	(+ donations)
Candy for the eggs (wholesale)	\$ 25.00	
Wine & cheese served during egg stuffing party.	\$ 20.00	
Hot dogs (wholesale)	\$ 8.00	
Mustard/Relish, etc. (Buns provided by shelter)		
48 bags of chips	0	(donated)
50 chocolate bunnies	0	(donated)
Prizes for hunt (bubbles, kites, jelly beans, stuffed bunnies)	\$ 10.00	(+ donations)
Miniature Easter cupcakes	\$ 2.50	
Soft drinks	\$ 4.00	

Thank-you tac pin (7/8" high) for volunteers ▶



## INVITATIONAL FLYER

We have a two-part project - we would love you to share in any aspect of it.

### PART 1 - EGG STUFFING PARTY



Friday - April 21st, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

We will be stuffing plastic eggs. Wait until you see all of the eggs and candy!

Location: Maureen's house (Jelly Bean Central)

"Here comes Peter Cottontail  
Hoppin' down the bunny trail  
Hippity hoppity, Easter's on its way."

PART 2 - Flopsy, Mopsy, and Mr. Cottontail are inviting you to their

### EASTER EGG HUNT AND BBQ

Saturday - April 22nd, 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Where: \_\_\_\_\_ Park, at (address)

Benefiting: the parents and children at the \_\_\_\_\_ Family Shelter

If you would like to be a part of this childhood tradition, please meet us at:  
(address and phone)

At 12:00 pm we will caravan together to the park

We will be hiding our candy eggs and handing out baskets for the kids to gather them in, along with prizes. We will be serving hot dogs, chips, and punch. Hop on by!

## THANK-YOU FLYER (on pink paper)

I'm tickled pink over the wonderful response to the...  
Stuffing Party and Easter Egg Hunt!

Thank you for the kindness you have shown. We:

- ♦ stuffed 397 plastic eggs (of all sizes) with candy
- ♦ decorated 22 baskets and filled with grass
- ♦ barbecued hot dogs, served chips, sodas, and mini cupcakes

To all of the mothers, children, and volunteers at the \_\_\_\_\_ Family Shelter.

- ◆ were able to hand out chocolate bunnies to all of the kids.
- ◆ gave away special prizes: kites, bubbles, and stuffed bunnies
- ◆ donated eggs and chocolate bunnies to the \_\_\_\_\_ Home.



Most importantly, we had fun and did something nice at the same time. To each of you that have donated time, money, and yourself...you have my deepest gratitude.

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself." --Emerson

😊 Project contributed by Maureen in Fresno, CA