

FEED THE HUNGRY DAY

- General Focus: Feeding hungry people in our locale
This project was designed to bypass the middleman and hand food out with no strings attached to the poorest--the street people in our area.
- Audience: area in our community that houses the rescue mission and family shelter.
There are two locations that serve food every day. The area has a square mile in which people live predominantly on the streets and in surrounding fields.
- Budget: \$50.00 + donations

HOW-TO

A. Preliminary steps

1. I made the event a two-day project, allowing more to participate.
2. I had advanced knowledge of this area prior to encouraging anyone to go out and serve with me.
3. I planned a peanut butter & jelly sandwich-making party.
4. I made a flyer, invited friends. etc.
5. I priced items to purchase within the budget. Used wholesale for all main ingredients. Local bakery outlet worked with us for largest discount, freshest bread, donuts, etc.
6. Asked for donations of bags of apples/oranges, etc.

B. On the first day of the event (Saturday):

1. I covered all kitchen cabinets and low surface areas with newspaper and set up sandwich making stations.
2. I had teams of people making & bagging sandwiches, bagging pretzels, bagging donuts. Served to our volunteers: soft drinks, ham & cheese squares, crackers, dipping sauce, chips.

C. On the second day of event (Sunday):

1. We loaded up the back of my pickup and drove down to an empty corner in this area, dropped our tailgate, and gave away food.
2. We handed any leftover food through the back kitchen door of the rescue mission to be used for lunch.
3. Used no media coverage.
4. Only a handful of us went down for the handing out of food. Afterwards, we went and had rolls and coffee afterwards and reflected on all that we had experienced.
5. Each person who participated received a "pocket angel" (sold in novelty shops) to

carry in their pocket, and a follow-up flyer detailing our results and the many people touched because of their donation of time, energy, or goods.

Stumbling Blocks: Some were taken aback by the suggestion of taking the food down and handing it out on the street. Try to recruit male help as well as female, be alert, put away purses and other valuables, and lock the cars.

High points: Every once in a while, I find a little jelly in my kitchen and reflect on everyone working together to make 175 sandwiches.

Most touching moment: None of us could really imagine what that must be like--to sleep in fields, to be without a home or any small place to call our own.

BUDGET

(Our goal was to make 100 sandwiches)

15 loaves of bread (discount bakery)	\$ 9.00	
13 boxes of donuts	\$11.00	
2 huge peanut butters (wholesale)	\$11.78	
2 huge jars of grape jelly	\$ 7.90	
Plastic baggies (\$1.00 store)	\$ 1.00	
Oranges	\$ 4.00	
Postage for flyers	0	(donated)
Served snacks to volunteers	\$12.00	
Thank-you pocket angels	0	(donated)
Box lids to carry everything in	0	(donated by supermarket)
2 cases of small bags of chips	0	(donated)

INVITATIONAL FLYER

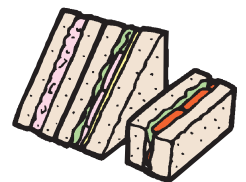
Feed-the-Hungry Day is - Sunday, March 19th

We have a two-step project and will gratefully accept any aspect of your giving nature.

1st Step: Saturday, March 18th, 12:00 - 2:00 pm
(address)

We will be making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, bagging them, and adding donuts for giveaway.

2nd Step: On Sunday, March 19th, at 6:30 am we will caravan down to (address or intersection). We will set up a tailgate giveaway until we run out of food.



Please feel free to bring the kids over to help make sandwiches or bag. We would also love any donations (bags of apples, oranges, boxes of donuts, etc.). Anyone who joins us in giving out the food will find it an experience of the heart you won't forget.

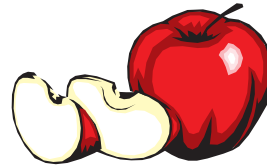
"Don't let the uncertainty turn you around,
Go on and make a joyful sound." - Jackson Browne, 1974

THANK-YOU FLYER

With your kind and generous contributions...

On Sunday, March 19th, many hungry people were touched by your giving hearts. In less than 90 minutes, all of the food had been given away...

175 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches (made with love)
103 donuts
44 bags of pretzels
108 bags of chips
166 fresh oranges
115 apples
48 pieces of homemade cake



Your participation in the many projects has been deeply appreciated!

"Love, compassion, and tolerance are necessities, not luxuries.
Without them, humanity cannot survive." -His Holiness, The Dalai Lama

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