

Baking to Fight Hunger

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What can happen when a Scout troop and a community service project join efforts? In the case of Girl Scout Troop #7067 in Alpharetta, Georgia and The Great American Bake Sale™, this combination equals a recipe for success.

Troop Advisor Brenda McManus said, "This troop was thinking of disbanding." The troop decided to hold bake sales and split the profits between the troop and The Great American Bake Sale™, a nationwide organization that raises money to purchase food for hungry children in the U.S. After sponsoring bake sales for a year, the girls had to make a decision of whether they would continue baking or not.

As the girls gathered for a weekly meeting, they were hungry and ready for their usual snack. Brenda postponed snack time until the end of the meeting. She asked the girls to consider how hungry they felt and how hungry they would feel if they hadn't eaten breakfast or lunch. (All had, or had the opportunity to eat.) Then she asked, "Do you think our bake sales have been worthwhile? Do you want to continue with bake sales?" The girls answered with a resounding "Yes!"

The troop has continued to make cakes, brownies, and cookies. They have raised more than \$500 to help hungry children in the U.S.

Troop member Lindsey Hahn said, "We wanted to do something to help." And Andrea Guerrero agreed. "It's



"We inspired other Girl Scout troops to have bake sales too," Alex Westbrook says. "We can make a difference!"

fun to bake stuff and help kids who don't have enough food to eat."

The scouts have come to realize that hunger is a problem in the U.S. Many children do not have the option of grabbing an apple or a bag of pretzels or a candy bar when they are hungry.

The seven members of troop #7067 have learned some disturbing facts. According to the Great American Bake Sale™, thirteen million children and 20 million adults are too poor to buy the food that provides a healthy diet. 🍷

For more information, go to the following websites:

Girls Scouts of America
www.girlscouts.org

The Great American Bake Sale™
www.greatamericanbakesale.org

National Hunger Awareness Day
www.hungerday.org