

Warm Up With Wishes This Winter!



Cook-Off for Kids – Invite people to participate in the cook-off of your choice: best chocolate chip cookies, zestiest chili, perfect pie, etc. Participants pay an entry fee and guests could even pay a small fee to sample the fare! Get a gift certificate from a local grocery store or restaurant donated to be given as the grand prize. Football and a Chili Cook-Off make for a great Saturday or Sunday event!



Holidays of Hope – Around this time of year we all take stock of the things in our lives for which we are thankful. This holiday season consider hosting a holiday bake sale, Gingerbread contest, or holiday movie marathon. You could also host a thanksgiving or holiday dinner/party for friends and family. Ask your local grocery store or food supplier to donate food and beverages to the event, have themed arts and crafts for the kids, various contests, and show a Make-A-Wish video so attendees understand the impact their donations will have.



Flowers for Wishes – Through a community group, school, or place of worship, you can sell poinsettias (during the holidays) or carnations for Valentine's Day. You may be able to get a discounted/bulk rate or even find a store that will donate flowers to your fundraiser.



March Madness Benefitting Make-A-Wish – Get your friends, family and neighbors together for a March Madness party! There are many ways to incorporate the games into your social gathering: everyone pays to fill out a bracket; participants pay for the chance to draw a team; pay to play in a free-throw contest at half-time; sell squares that coincide with the scores at the end of each quarter. If prizes are donated or home-made, all of the proceeds can go to your donation! (If you're more of a football fan, this could easily be modified for the Super Bowl too!)



For more information on hosting a community event to benefit Make-A-Wish, please contact Katie McCallum at mccallum@wishes.org or 312.602.9429.