

Crafting for charity

We need help to get birthday parties, charity tea parties and Easter fun off to a good start

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Free Cakes for Kids

Indulge your inner baker and create themed cakes that provide help for disadvantaged children



Bake birthday cakes for kids who may not have had one before

If you're passionate about cake baking or cake decorating, then we have a treat for you. Free Cakes for Kids is a UK-wide initiative that provides birthday cakes for children whose families find it hard to offer one of their own. Volunteers buy the ingredients and bake the cakes, then decorate them in kids themes or styles. The charity says: "Birthday cakes are important. Having an impressive cake made just for you makes you feel special and really appreciated."

How you can help

To volunteer to be a baker, email the charity on hello@freecakesforkids.org.uk to be put in touch with a group in your area. The charity gets bakers and families together, so you can find out about the child's favourite flavours and themes, check for food allergies and arrange a hand-over. Then just bake! Many groups have built close ties with

their communities and are making a real difference, one cake at a time.

If baking isn't your thing, why not organise a cake sale at your work or craft club? The charity needs plenty of cash to help buy ingredients, cake boxes and to cover transport costs. So ask friends to donate cakes and sell them for £1 a slice, or hold

a party and ask guests to make a minimum donation for all the cake they can eat! However you help, you'll be sure to make a little one's big day extra special.

For more information on Free Cakes for Kids and how to get involved, visit freecakesforkids.org.uk

