



Partnering to Bring Joy to Children

A family is barely making ends meet and is visiting their local food pantry each week. It is their daughter's birthday but they cannot afford a cake. *Now imagine that the child care center that she attends has been given a birthday cake for each child! Every month, the center receives as many cakes as they need to give each child a special birthday.*

Love and Quiches Desserts has made this possible. They supply cakes – as many as are needed – to children at our member agencies each month. They recognized that the children of families in need were probably not getting a birthday cake. **Love and Quiches Desserts** came to us with the solution to change this situation – and they have! *Cakes for Kids™* was launched in August 2009, with five agencies who serve children. We have a Volunteer Leader and designated volunteers who pick up the cakes at **Love and Quiches Desserts** and deliver them to the agencies each month.

The response has been overwhelming. we look forward to adding more agencies to the program. A number of them have heard about *Cakes for Kids* and have already asked to be included. One agency, *AMC Childcare*, had a party for 3 and 4-year-old children with July birthdays. Excitement filled the room, the other children shouted out, “WOW! Today is our birthday too!”



Love and Quiches Desserts' commitment and generosity, and their partnership with **Island Harvest**, make this program possible. And this program makes possible the smiles we see on these children's faces.

Further praise from one of the **Island Harvest** Volunteers working on the “Cake for Kids” Project:

“I have been very happily received by the agencies on both runs. One of the people commented on how much the kids love the cakes, and look forward to them—awesome!”