

Hosting a raffle or silent auction at your Bake Sale for No Kid Hungry is a fun and easy way to reach your fundraising goal. Make everyone a winner with these tips:



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- Gather a list of businesses to reach out to.
 - Consider local restaurants, boutiques, theaters and entertainment hot spots.
 - Ask your friends for help. Having a personal connection with a store manager will make the request that much easier.
- Plan to reach out to businesses well in advance. A month or two should be enough time to allow a business to prepare their donation. However, some corporations need more than a months notice.
- Make initial contact by sending an email or by hand delivering a donation request letter. A week after making initial contact, follow up with a phone call. Don't be shy! They are busy and often need the extra reminder.
 - Use the donation request letter located in the <u>Bakers' Resources</u>. Also in the Bakers' Resources is Share Our Strength's 501c(3) letter from the IRS.
 Some businesses will request the letter before they commit to making a donation.
 - If you are stopping by in person, be sure to choose a time of day when the store or business is not too busy.
- Educate yourself about the issue of childhood hunger before approaching businesses. Before making a donation, many of the store managers are going to want to know more about Share Our Strength and the No Kid Hungry campaign.
 - The hunger facts and info cards located in the <u>Bakers' Resources</u> are great learning tools.
- Once you start collecting donations, bundle smaller items together or make gift baskets.
- At your bake sale, place your raffle or silent auction in a place everyone will see it. If you are selling raffle tickets, sell tickets for \$1 or a baker's dozen (13) for \$10.
- After your bake sale, thank businesses for their contribution. Tell store managers how much money you were able to raise through their raffle contribution.

Raffle Ideas:

Tickets to the movies
Gift cards to a restaurant
A coffee gift set
Unlimited bowling
Rafting trips
Bike rentals
Guided tours
Tickets to a museum
Tasting events
Yoga classes
Art classes

Tickets to a comedy show Cupcakes

Toy gift set
Cooking gift set
Gourmet chocolates
Tickets to the theater
Gift card to a mall
Tickets to a baseball game
Spa gift cards
Gym membership
Tickets to a concert