

KIM'S CARING COOKIES

Fourth Annual Kim's Caring Cookie Day

November 8, 2014 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Unity Community Church

(215 Unity Center Road, Plum Borough, PA 15239)

You are invited to participate in a ***Community Service Project in memory of Plum Girl Scout Troop Leader***, Kim Griffith and her two ***Girl Scout*** daughters, Brenna & Mikaela.

Continuing to follow in Kim's spirit of caring and sharing, we will get together on Saturday, November 8th for a day of cookie baking for those in need. The cookies will be donated to ***Light of Life Ministries, Pleasant Valley Homeless Shelter, Amber Woods Personal Care Home, Nursing Homes, shut-ins, military, and Kim's families and neighborhood.***

We will need bakers, decorators, packers, deliverers, and of course, cleaner uppers. There will be a job for everyone and any help will be greatly appreciated. Feel free to invite your friends and relatives because there will be a lot to do. Give of your time all day or for just a few hours. There will be pizza for lunch and feel free to bring any snacks/appetizers.

Our first Kim's Caring Cookie Day, we had 128 volunteers who made 480 dozen cookies. Our second year of Kim's Caring Cookies, we had 68 volunteers who beat our first year, making over 500 dozen of cookies.

This year we will have a Kim's Caring Cookie Cookbook for sale, along with aprons and Res-que-me devices. The proceeds for these items will be donated towards helping others.

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As many of you know, Kim Griffith and I made Christmas cookies together for the past 17 years. As I look back on those years, let me share with you some of my reflections and wonderful memories of those cookie making days. The first year that we began our annual cookie bake off, Kim was pregnant with Emily, her eldest daughter, and I was pregnant with my oldest son, George. So Emily, too, has been part of making cookies for the past 17 years, too. Each year before Christmas, we would pick a date, and all of her kids, Emily, Christian, Brenna and Mikaela, would arrive for our annual cookie bake off with my sons, George and Jason, helping also. We would bake all day, several dozen different cookies, and have our traditional pizza for lunch and tacos for dinner. As the years went by, the boys lost interest in the baking but not the food. The girls, however, never lost interest and enjoyed making their favorites each year.

After our three angels, Kim, Brenna, and Mikaela tragically passed away, Emily and I were talking about how hard it would be for the two of us to make cookies all day by ourselves. We came up with an idea for a community service project called Kim's Caring Cookie Day in memory of Kim, Brenna, and Mikaela. Kim shared her time with so many and cared a lot about us. Family, friends, neighbors, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and strangers were recipients of her good nature. So in memory and honor of Kim and her girls, we will be baking homemade cookies for those less fortunate and in need. Light of Life Ministries, Pleasant Valley Homeless Shelter, Amber Woods Assisted Living & Nursing Home, the military, various shut-ins, and Kim's family and neighborhood will be the recipients of the Kim's Caring Cookies.

*May God Bless you,
Joy Tsounos*