



With Thinking Day coming up and the celebration of two very important birthdays in Guiding it seemed like the time was right to do this Service Project. We hope you enjoy the project and have fun with it. Go ahead and add your own flair to it. Thanks to Tiger for the inspiration for this project.

## The Birthday Party in A Box

The Birthday-in-a-Box Service Project recognizes the importance of a birthday in a person's life. A Birthday marks progress and is the hope of a new year to come. Sadly, because of various reasons, there are many children whose birthdays will pass without any celebration. Receiving that special gift, enjoying a slice of birthday cake after blowing out the candles, and the knowledge that someone remembered you and took the time to let you know they care can make a difference. The Birthday-in-a-Box Service Project can provide normalcy, joy, and hope in the lives of those who may not otherwise have a birthday celebration.

### Suggestions as to what to put in the box:

- Cake mix (that does not have too many additional ingredients)
- Cake Pan or Muffin Tin and Cupcake Holders
- Candles/Sparklers
- Icing (premade)
- Decorations - tablecloth/napkins/plates/hats/forks/balloons
- Loot Bags with small items inside
- Invitations (how fun is that for a child to hand out invitations)
- Directions for some easy to do games with limited supplies
- Something special for the Birthday Child



The list could go on but you get the idea, when you get your box assembled (we suggest a cookie case makes a great receptacle), label the contents and if it is Boy or girl and approximate age. **Deliver your boxes to your District's Hike for Plenty drop off site on March 10, 2012.** The completed boxes will be distributed by the Edmonton Food Bank.



This would be a great activity for the girls to think about what they want to put in them, perhaps a shopping trip to the dollar store for supplies and talking about what they like about birthday parties. It is a good time for them to think what it would be like without one. So for Thinking Day this year, let's make sure that we can help many others celebrate Birthdays in style as well. Let the girls take the lead and see where it takes you!