

# Birthday Party in a Box

## Alberta's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service Project for 2013

### Birthday Boxes for Food Banks

Alberta is celebrating 100 years of Guiding and we want to share in our celebrations. What better way than to make "Birthday Parties in a Box" for your local Food Bank.

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-Party-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 need too many additional ingredients)
- Cake Pan or Muffin Tin and Cupcake Holders (papers)
- Candles/Sparklers
- Tub of Icing (premade)
- Decorations – tablecloth/napkins/plates/hats/forks/balloons
- Loot Bags with small items for 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



When you get your box assembled (we suggest a cookie case makes a great receptacle), go the provincial website, print off the checklist (to put on the package which includes list of the contents and if it is boy or girl and approximate age), print off the birthday greeting from Province and log your donation so we can reach our goal of **1000. in 2013.**

Please remember that you **cannot** use GGC unit funds to purchase items for the bags. Girls can bring items from home or perhaps a shopping trip to the dollar store for supplies would be a great activity.

Help Alberta to celebrate our birthday by making a difference in the lives of 1000 children throughout the province.