

Apple Pie Day Photo Essay

Interview with Two of the Organisers from the Church

1. What has been the greatest challenge?

We always hope that we have enough people to work it. First there are apples to be gotten from the orchard, then the peeling, then all of the pie dough that has to be made for 600 pies – and that’s a lot of dough! So just the challenges of making everything flow along evenly so that we can get it all done in a day. The pie crust, the dough, is made several days before and kept cool because those are made in machines, but the rest of it is all done by hand.

Getting all the supplies together and knowing how many supplies to get is a challenge because people don’t order until the last minute! We base the number of pies on the previous year and we hope that we fill that many. We have increased over the years. When we first started out we made about 300 and one year we made just over 700. We’ve been doing this for more than twenty years.

2. What has been the biggest opportunity?

It is amazing to see the number of people that turn up on this particular day to do the pies and they work together so well. Everybody has a job and everybody does it well and it’s just a joy to see that happen. People come from all walks of life but they all have a general togetherness of being members of the church, or at least adherents - they’re not all members and some bring a friend. It’s a great day – there’s a lot of laughter which really makes it go quickly. There’s a joy in being together.

This is one of our major fundraisers of the year and this enables our congregation to continue to operate.

3. What is the most important message that you want to give to Canadians who see the photo essay?

This is about people coming together in a common task that needs to be done and it’s a wonderful fundraiser. We usually have between 30 and 40 people come out to help with this pie project. They’re coming together to work, talk and laugh all day. You find out lots of things about people that you knew but you get to know them a lot better – all under the umbrella of the church.

This is a lot of hard work but at the same time it’s a lot of fun and fellowship – it draws our congregation together.