

Just Desserts on Pancake Day

On Pancake Day, thousands of individuals, school, community, church and business groups nation-wide cook and sell pancakes to raise funds for UnitingCare's work with Australians in need.

This year, Hannanprint NSW raised \$600 in support of this worthy cause. Over two hundred and fifty pancakes, topped with maple syrup AND ice cream were cooked over two shifts by Pancake Day organisers Elisa Ballesta, Serge Char and their helpful assistants. The pancakes were eagerly consumed by dozens of employees who were happy to show their support by eagerly devouring the sweet treats.

Pancake Day aims to promote the services provided by UnitingCare, raise the issues of poverty and disadvantage in the community and raise funds to assist UnitingCare agencies to address these issues. Funds raised from pancake sales help UnitingCare support, among others families in crisis, abused and neglected children, families with children with

disabilities needing respite care, homeless or unemployed young people, young people affected by drug or alcohol misuse - needing a second chance, families needing emergency food, clothing or housing and youth needing the anonymity of Lifeline telephone counseling. Uniting Care is Australia's largest non-government provider of community services and directly touches the lives of one million Australians each year.

The tradition of Pancake Day coincides annually with Shrove Tuesday in the Christian Calendar. Originally pancakes were eaten on this day to use up milk and eggs, which traditionally were not eaten during the 40 days of Lent prior to Easter and would otherwise spoil during this period. In French, Pancake Day is known as Mardi Gras – which literally means Fat Tuesday – although we are not sure why...



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