

Free Cakes for Kids Newsletter

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"Making a difference, one cake at a time"

250 cakes and still going strong

In May 2016, Free Cakes for Kids baked its 250th cake for families in Bristol and South Gloucestershire – a massive success since being established in 2011, and only 18 months after reaching our 100th cake milestone. All of this has been achieved by our volunteers who give their time and ingredients for free, and ask for nothing in return other than knowing a child has had a better birthday. Here are just a few of the cakes we have baked over the past 12 months.



Thank you to all our volunteers and those partner organisations who keep referring birthday cake requests to us.

Here's to the next 250 cakes!

Free Cakes for Kids Bristol is a community service to families who find it difficult to provide a birthday cake for their child. The cakes are baked by volunteers from the local community with the child's favourite theme or style. The service is always free, friendly and confidential.

Our 250th cake

We like to work with partner organisations as it means that our cakes are going to where they are needed the most – families who can't provide for their child's birthday irrespective of the reason. By working together we aim to provide a free, friendly and confidential service, and deliver the family a cake that their child will love. There are no catches, nothing is asked for in return. Here is the story of our 250th cake which went to a young carer from the Carers Support Centre, an organisation we have worked with right from the very start of Free Cakes for Kids in Bristol.

For most people turning 18 is a chance to let loose and have a good time. But Monica is not your average 18 year old. For Monica, her birthday is just another day in which she cares for her mum, who has cancer and is receiving chemotherapy. You can imagine her surprise when she came home from college to find a beautiful pink birthday cake. Being a young adult carer Monica struggles to balance her caring role and college work, so the opportunity to celebrate her special day with her mum and her family is invaluable.

Monica's mum, Dawn would like to say a massive thank you to Free Cakes for Kids. Their volunteers help families who find it difficult to provide their children with birthday cakes, by baking cakes and delivering them on their birthdays. Monica gets support from the Carers Support Centre. They provide information, signposting and offer an environment where young adult carers can socialise and share their experiences.

Monica said, "I didn't think we would be able to celebrate as my mum is waiting to go into hospital. I couldn't believe how big and pretty the cake was, and pink is my favourite colour. It made me feel all funny inside knowing that it was for my 18 birthday."



Happy birthday Monica and to all of the children who receive our cakes!

For more information or to request a cake, email us on freecakesbristol@gmail.com or telephone **07900067497**