



Dear Educator, Caregiver, Community Member,

Hello! We are **TAKE THE CAKE**, located in Maplewood-South Orange, New Jersey and serving all of Union and Essex Counties. We are committed to the idea that every child deserves a special birthday party. Our goal is to provide, fun, special and customized parties to families who couldn't otherwise celebrate their children's birthdays.

TAKE THE CAKE is pleased to invite you to nominate an outstanding child to receive a special birthday party! As someone who works closely with young people, you are in a unique position to help us find these birthday boys and girls.

We are looking for a child who:

1. is from Essex or Union counties.
2. is between the ages of 5 and 11.
3. you believe is in economic hardship and/or family crisis.
4. has some special quality or circumstance that you feel makes him/her deserving of a spectacular party.

Criteria #4 is purposely vague. We know there are endless reasons why a child is deserving of a spectacular party and we left the definition open for you to nominate a child based on whatever qualities and circumstances inspire your nomination.

We thank you in advance for taking this time to consider the special kids with whom you work and, we hope, to ultimately submit a nomination on a child's behalf.

We've attached a nomination form to this letter but nominations may also be submitted online at www.take-the-cake.org - just click on the "Nominate a Child" tab! If you have any questions as you fill out the nomination form, please feel free to email us at info@take-the-cake.org.

Many thanks,

Laura & Janine

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This nomination form is also available to submit online at www.take-the-cake.org!



NOMINATION FORM

Your name: _____

Your position: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO NOMINATE?

Name _____

Age (as of today): _____

Grade in school: _____

Birthday: _____

Town: _____

How long have you known the nominee? What is your relationship to him/her?

If this child is chosen to receive a party, how may we contact his/her parents/guardians? (names, phone numbers, email addresses, etc)

More on back!

The recipient of the birthday party will be a child who:

1. is from our community (Essex and Union counties) .
2. is between the ages of 5 and 11.
3. you believe is in economic hardship and/or family crisis.
4. has some special quality or circumstance that you feel makes him/her deserving of a spectacular party.

Using the criteria above, briefly explain why you would like to nominate this child to be a recipient of a spectacular birthday party. (Feel free to attach separate paper.)

Signature _____ Date _____

★ Thank you for your nomination! ★

Please mail this form to:

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or email to: info@take-the-cake.org