



FUND-RAISING IDEAS

Cooking Up Alternative Fund-Raising Methods



This Tortilla Casserole is not only the basis of a delicious family meal, it's a way to raise money for your child's school.

(NAPSA)—As schools grow and budgets continue to be trimmed, fund raising is becoming even more important to education. However, safety concerns and students' lack of time are leading school officials to search for alternative fund-raising programs.

One of the most successful fund-raising programs has been General Mills' Box Tops for Education. Since its inception in 1996, the company has given nearly \$70 million to America's schools. Now, with the addition of new participating brands, it's becoming even easier for families to contribute toward their children's education—simply by sitting down together for dinner.

Among the new brands which bear Box Tops for Education coupons—which can be redeemed by schools for 10 cents apiece, up to \$20,000 each school year—are Green Giant, Progresso, Old El Paso, Pillsbury, Totino's and Gold Medal Flour.

By cooking up a dish such as this delicious Tortilla Casserole, your children benefit not only through increased school funding (this recipe raises 30 cents) but also through hearty family meals—shared together.

TORTILLA CASSEROLE

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 13 minutes

Bake time: 20 minutes

Makes 6 servings

- 1 pound ground beef**
- 1 small onion, chopped (1/4 cup)**
- 1 1/2 cups hot water**
- 1 cup Old El Paso medium salsa**
- 1/2 cup milk**
- 1 package Hamburger Helper Cheesy Nacho**
- 6 Old El Paso flour tortillas (6" in diameter)**
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (6 oz.)**

1. Heat oven to 350°. Cook beef and onion in 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally, until brown; drain. Stir in hot water, salsa, milk, uncooked Pasta and Sauce Mix. Heat to boiling, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat; cover and simmer about 7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until pasta is tender.

2. Cut tortillas in half. Spread 2 cups beef mixture in ungreased rectangular baking dish, 11x7x1 1/2 inches, or shallow 2-quart casserole; top with 6 tortilla halves and 3/4 cup cheese. Spread with 2 cups beef mixture; top with remaining tortilla halves. Top with remaining beef mixture and cheese.

3. Bake uncovered 15 to 20 minutes or until hot and cheese is melted.

To learn more about the Box Tops for Education program, visit www.boxtops4education.com.