

# Creative Kids Parties

## Birthday Parties: A Great Way To Teach Children The Fun Of Giving Back

(NAPSA)—Teaching children to help others is a top priority for parents, with nearly two-thirds of moms saying they're interested in guiding their young kids to volunteer, according to a recent youth volunteerism report.

While issues like time constraints and awareness of opportunities may stand in the way, moms recognize that volunteering benefits children in many ways.

Now, Quaker is making it easy for moms to introduce children to the thrill of doing good deeds for their community while experiencing all the fun of a traditional birthday party.

Developed in partnership with Kids Care Clubs, a national youth volunteer organization and a program of HandsOn Network, the Quaker Birthday Party with a Purpose kits were created to help busy moms inspire their young kids to bring goodness to others through youth volunteerism. The kit includes a how-to guide with volunteer-themed party ideas, a special Kids Doing Good T-shirt for the birthday boy or girl, "goodness bags" and achievement certificates.

"Whether it's a 'pirate party' where kids put together treasure chests to donate to a children's hospital, or a 'green party' where kids plant flowers for a community nursing home, the Quaker Birthday Party with a Purpose



**A "Pirate Party" where kids put together "treasure chests" for a children's hospital.**

kits provide a simple-to-use format for moms and are fun for kids," says Kathy Saulitis, director of Kids Care Clubs and mother of three.

The kits are available as part of Quaker's Kids Doing Good campaign, which helps moms inspire their young kids to make a positive difference and get involved in volunteering early in life.

And if you're wondering if all that volunteering will someday pay off for your children, consider this: Experts say helping others allows kids to develop important life skills at an impressionable age. Additionally, a majority of moms surveyed recognize that volunteer activities teach children respect (88 percent), teamwork (87 percent) and compassion (85 percent).

For more information on how to receive a kit or for free volunteer-themed party ideas, visit [www.QuakerKidsDoingGood.com](http://www.QuakerKidsDoingGood.com).