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Sister act: Girls produce pie in the sky treats

Proceeds from sale benefit missing children

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It's a sweet treat for a good cause.

For the third year, 11-year-old Abbie Shimer will be selling homemade peppermint-flavored pies (just in time for Valentine's Day) for \$12 each, with proceeds going to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC).

Since sales began in 2004, the pies have become a hit – both in the Quiet Corner and beyond – and raised close to \$5,000 for the Alexandria, Va.-based center.

Abbie and her family, who live in Brooklyn, hope to surpass last year's total of \$4,200. As of Friday, Jan. 27, they raised about \$1,000 – a total that will likely increase quickly as the Feb. 8 deadline approaches.

"This is about the time orders pick up," said Abbie's father, Greg Shimer. "The closer you get to the deadline, the more orders you get."

By Valentine's Day last year, Abbie, her parents and her two sisters – 8-year-old Julia and 6-year-old Hannah – made more than 175 pies. They were delivered to locales stretching from Colchester to Worcester, Mass. A few pies even made their way to NCMEC's headquarters, along with a check for the proceeds.

The Shimers will visit the NCMEC later this month to again drop off some pies and a check for the amount they raised this year.

The pies are made from a recipe that is partially cloaked in mystery, although the ingredients are not: whipped



David Dore photo
Abbie Shimer, left, 11, of Brooklyn is selling peppermint-flavored pies (just in time for Valentine's Day) to benefit the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. She has received emotional support for her venture from one of her friends, Marissa Glaude, right, also 11 and from Brooklyn. (click for larger version)



Courtesy photo
Abbie Shimer, right, 11, of Brooklyn, presents a check to National Center for Missing and Exploited Children President and CEO Ernie Allen, left, at the center's Alexandria, Va., headquarters last year for \$4,200 – the amount she raised during her second annual sale of peppermint-flavored pies. (click for larger version)

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