Not Just Desserts:  
Cakes for a Community Cause  

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Overview:
Mixing Community Service with a study of Wayne Thiebaud, students incorporate his style of working into original paintings celebrating the role of food in our culture. As we investigate culinary arts as a career path, (requiring an artistic flair), students are challenged to turn their paintings into actual cakes that are auctioned off to support our local food pantry.

See how this cross curricular program works with our Family and Consumer Sciences and Math classes providing students with Common Core integration, career awareness, public speaking and community service!

Program spin offs include Cake Wars (elementary school), and Cans for a Cause as a part of our Youth Art Month events!

Essential Questions:

“What is the role of the artist in society to increase awareness of social issues in our communities?”
“How can common place objects influence the work of an artist?”

21st Century Skills:

• Creativity and Innovation• Critical Thinking and Problem Solving• Communication
• Collaboration• Flexibility and Adaptability• Initiative and Self-Direction• Social and Cross-Cultural Skills
• Productivity and Accountability• Leadership and Responsibility

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