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TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Centers –
After School Snack Sponsors

FROM: Maureen Staggenborg, Director
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DATE: March 14, 2006

SUBJECT: **Operational Memorandum #09C-06**
Share Our Strength (SOS) Grant Opportunity

Share Our Strength (SOS) is sponsoring *The Great American Bake Sale*, a groundbreaking program to help end childhood hunger in America. Grant opportunities are available to Summer Food Service Program sponsors, National School Lunch Programs (NSLP) administering the Seamless Summer Waiver, **Child and Adult Care Food Program Afterschool Snack sponsors** and NSLP Afterschool Snack sponsors. Attached to this correspondence is a flyer providing additional information on the grants along with instructions on where to obtain the grant application. Grant awards may be as high as \$15,000.

If you would like more information about the grants or *The Great American Bake Sale*, please visit SOS's web site at:

www.greatamericanbakesale.org

Grant applications are being accepted between March 1st and April 15th.

Please contact Susan Boyle at (860) 807-2074, Celia Cordero at (860) 807-2076 or Benedict Onye at (860) 807-2080 if you have any questions.

Enclosure
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The Great American Bake Sale® 2005



Request for Proposals

A funding opportunity to increase participation in USDA Afterschool and Summer Nutrition Programs

From March 1, 2006 to April 15, 2006, Share Our Strength will be accepting grant applications from current **sponsors of summer and afterschool meal programs** for children that utilize USDA reimbursement and **advocacy organizations** that provide technical assistance to these programs.

Funding Goal

Grants from The Great American Bake Sale will support efforts to increase participation among low-income children in Afterschool and Summer Meal Programs that utilize USDA reimbursement through the Summer Food Service Program, the National School Lunch Program, or the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply for grants from The Great American Bake Sale, organizations must be:

1. **Current program sponsors** that prepare claims for USDA reimbursement, oversee food service management, provide training and technical assistance to site staff, and monitor sites' compliance with program rules.

OR

2. **Advocacy organizations** that help improve and increase participation in USDA afterschool and summer meal programs. Advocacy organizations work with schools, community organizations, local businesses, and a range of government officials to increase participation in summer and afterschool meal programs that use USDA reimbursement.

To apply

For more information about this grant opportunity and to access the application please visit www.greatamericanbakesale.org and click on "Apply for a Grant."

The Great American Bake Sale, presented by Share Our Strength and PARADE Magazine, encourages all Americans to take a powerful stand against childhood hunger by hosting bake sales in their communities. Proceeds are submitted to Share Our Strength and distributed to the nation's most effective childhood hunger organizations annually.

Share Our Strength is a national nonprofit that inspires and organizes individuals and businesses to share their strengths in innovative ways to help end childhood hunger in America and abroad.