

The Bazaar Problem

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St John's, the Private Christian school in Marysville, Ohio, holds many festivals, but one of the most famous festivals is the November Bazaar. The Bazaar Runs from 9 A.M.- 3 P.M. and the bazaar is about people who have handcrafted items and sell them to the public, which then earn money. This Will go to the school for new equipment. For example, we had a broken ice machine but because of festivals and bazaars we earned enough money to be able to afford a brand-spanking-new Ice machine. but it all depends on the person who is organizing and leading these events. For this certain event, Eline Blight is running it with the help of Iran Spielberg, Sharon Wheeling , and others from the Ladies Aid. There is almost 400-900 people that come from all over the place to buy and sell handcrafted things from different kinds of people.

You may be thinking, "Well what's the problem so far?". The problem is that there are not enough volunteers that are helping out with the hundreds of people that come from all over the place. I mean, the Ladies Aid can't do it all by themselves and while other people of the congregation can help that's only so much and it happens almost every year! We need more people to volunteer. One of the jobs that is needed is the "Runners" job, which is where someone goes out and buys food from either a fast food chain place or a grocery store that's nearby. We do this because some vendors who are too busy with customers are going to need a lunch break, so we have runners to get the vendor's lunch. The thing is we are short of people who run and this can cause major problems. We also need people who would be able to take other vendor's shifts, kind of like in sports where you can substitute in a benched person for someone who is extremely tired and needs a break. Speaking of getting tired I talked to a resident who has been to the bazaar numerous of times, Theresa Alton, who says "There needs to be more people in the kitchen to help cook food." She also states that we need more parking lot spaces for the hundreds of people that come to the bazaar. We could have a lot more people if we had more parking spots. The other volunteer problem we have is having help setting up the 70 tables and setting up the decoration. That's why the leader of this whole thing, Eline Blight, Is asking for the school to help with these kinds of things (mostly the 8th grade and 7th grade with the heavy lifting) ,and help cooking in the kitchen.

Helping other people may seem boring and not fun ,but it can be a big help in the future. You can help with anything as long as you are willing and you can put effort towards it.