



Happy Holidays!

I made a donation in your name to the Menu For Hope V, an online food blogger-organized fundraiser benefiting the United Nations World Food Programme!



WFP estimates that there are approximately 100 million primary schoolchildren in Africa not attending school, and two out of three of them are girls. The promise of food at school encourages parents to send girls, who would otherwise be kept at home to help with chores and farm work.

In 2007 food bloggers raised more than \$90,000 with the Menu for Hope.

Since food bloggers want to entice their readers to donate to the WFP, they offer prizes, often homemade and expensive items, in exchange for \$10 donations in the form of "tickets."

This year, I bought ticket(s) in your name, and I hope you win this prize:

Last year and this year's donations will support the school lunch program in Lesotho, Africa.

WFP's research has shown that it boosts enrollment, promotes regular attendance, and enhances student performance, since hungry children are distracted and have trouble concentrating on lessons. A food incentive helps convince parents that they can afford to allow their children to go and to stay in school.

