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Teacher Aims to Connect Communities Across America through Food *"Pass it On Pan" project seeks public support for Pepsi Refresh Project funding*

WHITTIER, NC – A math teacher from Whittier, NC has a unique idea for bringing families and communities together through food. Now all he needs are enough votes for Pepsi to approve his project.

Dan Alich recently developed his idea for a series of "Pass It On Pans," baking dishes that make the rounds of different communities and are used to cook meals for others. If his proposal receives enough online votes to be counted among the Pepsi Refresh Project's top ten proposals, he'll receive \$25,000 in start-up funding. The project has already received a number of votes and is well on its way.

"This simple project would be an incredible way for people across the country to connect with each other and develop a real sense of community," Alich said. "We hope people will continue to support us and vote for the idea."

The bottom of each pan will be engraved with the project's website address, <http://www.PassItOnPan.com>, as well as a unique tracking number, allowing recipients to go online and see all of the households it has visited. They will then be invited to enter their own information, including their location and a brief summary of what they used the pan to make.

Funds from Pepsi would be used to cover the cost of purchasing computerized engraving equipment and at least 1,000 baking pans. Alich plans to distribute the pans across the United States, build a website and market the project. None of the funds will be used as income.

Alich's students encouraged him to pursue the idea, which has become a class project.

"This will be a great opportunity for my students to see how far a little kindness can go," Alich said. "I want to show them how much can be accomplished by simply taking action and doing something positive."

The Pepsi Refresh Project allows the public to pitch ideas for projects in the areas of health, art and culture, food and shelter, neighborhoods, education and the environment.

For more information and to vote for the Pass It On Pan project, visit www.PassItOnPan.com (<http://www.PassItOnPan.com>).

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