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On behalf of Fundtastic Fundraising, we'd like to extend to you and your families our warmest wishes for the holiday season.

In 2009, Fundtastic Fundraising expanded our product offering to support your fundraising efforts, continued our commitment to environmental and social responsibility, and continued our commitment to carrying a completely peanut & nut free product line.

Our Nature's Treasures all natural, pure Belgian chocolate, continues to be our signature product (and the personal favourite of White House Executive Guest Chef Guy Mitchell), and we're delighted to share with you some of our favourite chocolate recipes to use at your own holiday celebrations!

Our new line of Plantable Paper products are perfect for wrapping up your holiday gifts and for sending out holiday greetings, and leave a lasting memento of the season. Simply plant the paper in your garden this spring, and watch the flowers grow. It's the ultimate way to re-gift!

We're also pleased to offer you some practical tips and suggestions for making your holiday season environmentally responsible.

On behalf of Fundtastic Fundraising we extend to you our very best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe holiday season and look forward to catching up with you again in 2010!

On behalf of Fundtastic Fundraising,

June Nicholson  
President & CEO



## **HOLIDAY CHOCOLATE RECIPES**

Our favourite chocolate dessert for 2009 is our Nature's Treasures Rocky Road Holiday Squares. Give it a try and let us know what you think!

### **Nature's Treasures Rocky Road Holiday Squares**

- \* 1/2 cup soft butter
- \* 300g Nature's Treasures Dark or Milk Chocolate
- \* 3 tablespoons honey
- \* 200 grams crushed biscuits (biscotti, digestives, tea biscuits)
- \* 100 grams mini marshmallows

Melt butter, chocolate and honey in a heavy saucepan.

Once melted, take out 1/2 cup of the melted mixture and put aside.

Crush the cookies into crumbly pieces.

Fold biscuits crumbs into the melted chocolate mixture.

Add marshmallows to chocolate mixture and toss until coated.

Place into an 8" square pan, and flatten top as smooth as possible.

Pour the reserved 1/2 cup of chocolate mixture on top of the mixture and smooth top again.

Refrigerate for 2 hours or overnight.

Cut into squares and dust with icing sugar before serving.

\*\* Try adding Rice Krispies or dried fruit to the marshmallow/chocolate mixture.

### **Chocolate Covered Caramel Popcorn**

Nothing could be simpler than this delicious treat. Simply melt our Nature's Treasures dark chocolate and pour over our Lucky Star Light Caramel Popcorn! Simply delicious!

Check out some of our all-time favourite chocolate recipes at [www.fundtastic.ca](http://www.fundtastic.ca):

**Classic Hot Chocolate**

**Nature's Treasures Dark Chocolate Mousse**

**Nature's Treasures Mint Chocolate Truffles**





## TIPS FOR MAKING YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE

\* Support your own community by purchasing your gifts locally. Local shops, studios and boutiques often have hand-made or locally made products. The 100-Mile concept works not just for food consumption -- try to make it your mantra for holiday shopping this year!

\* Try to purchase battery free gifts. Discarded batteries are an environmental hazard. If you need to purchase gifts that require batteries, try to provide rechargeable batteries along with the gift.

\* Start a new holiday tradition by decorating a live, potted Christmas tree. Potted trees can be replanted outdoors, and becomes a living legacy to your new holiday tradition.

\* If you cut your Christmas tree, find out if your community has a chipping program. Many municipalities offer free chipping services for trees and let you take the chipped material home, to use as mulch in your gardens.

\* Use naturally scented beeswax, vegetable or soy candles when decorating. Avoid candles made from paraffin wax that emit toxins. Like most things: natural is best!

We've got lots more tips to make your holiday season environmentally friendly!  
Visit [www.fundtastic.ca](http://www.fundtastic.ca) to find out more.



## FUN HOLIDAY TRIVIA!

\* Santa is truly magic! Based on the number of time zones in the world, Santa has 31 hours to delivery all his gifts, which means he visits 832 homes each second!

\* The movie, How the Grinch Stole Christmas (2000) features 52,000 Christmas lights, 8,200 Christmas ornaments and close to 2,000 candy canes!

\* Each year during the holiday season, more than 1.76 billion candy canes are purchased!

\* According to the national Christmas Tree Association, 80% of all real Christmas trees are pre-cut, versus 20% purchased at cut-your-own farms!

\* Bing Crosby's version of White Christmas has been credited with selling more than 50 million copies of this holiday favourite, and is officially listed as the second-best selling single of all time, worldwide!



According to Environment Canada, a "white" Christmas is defined as having at least 2 cm of snow on the ground on Christmas Day. A "perfect" Christmas is one that has a light snow fall (with at least 1 cm accumulating) on Christmas Day, as well as at least 2 cm of snow already on the ground!

**ENVIRONMENT CANADA HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING PREDICATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS WEATHER IN ONTARIO:**

Toronto - 57% chance of a white Christmas & 13% chance of a perfect Christmas.  
London - 74% chance of white Christmas & 33% chance of a perfect Christmas.  
Kitchener - 74% chance of white Christmas & 35% chance of a perfect Christmas.  
Hamilton - 68% chance of white Christmas & 26% chance of a perfect Christmas.  
Ottawa - 83% chance of white Christmas & 35% chance of a perfect Christmas.



**On behalf of the entire Fundtastic Fundraising team we send you best wishes for the holiday season and welcome the opportunity to work with you again in 2009!**



For further information about healthy snacking and fundraising options that are peanut and nut free, please visit our website at [www.fundtastic.ca](http://www.fundtastic.ca) or contact us directly by email or toll-free at 1-888-627-7386 and become part of a responsible fundraising program that you can be proud of!