

COMMUNITY

Relief work labour of love

It's a labour of love for Central American relief. Volunteers and community donations have contributed to over 50 apple pies made, sold and delivered from the home of Carmen Lawrence.

"You do what you can," Carmen Lawrence of Colborne says of the fund-raising

effort to aid the disaster victims of Hurricane Mitch in Central America.

Last Wednesday morning, volunteers Fern Day of Colborne and Kathy Atkinson of Wicklow joined Carmen in her Colborne home to begin to prepare pies for sale. Fern (pastry-maker extraordinaire)

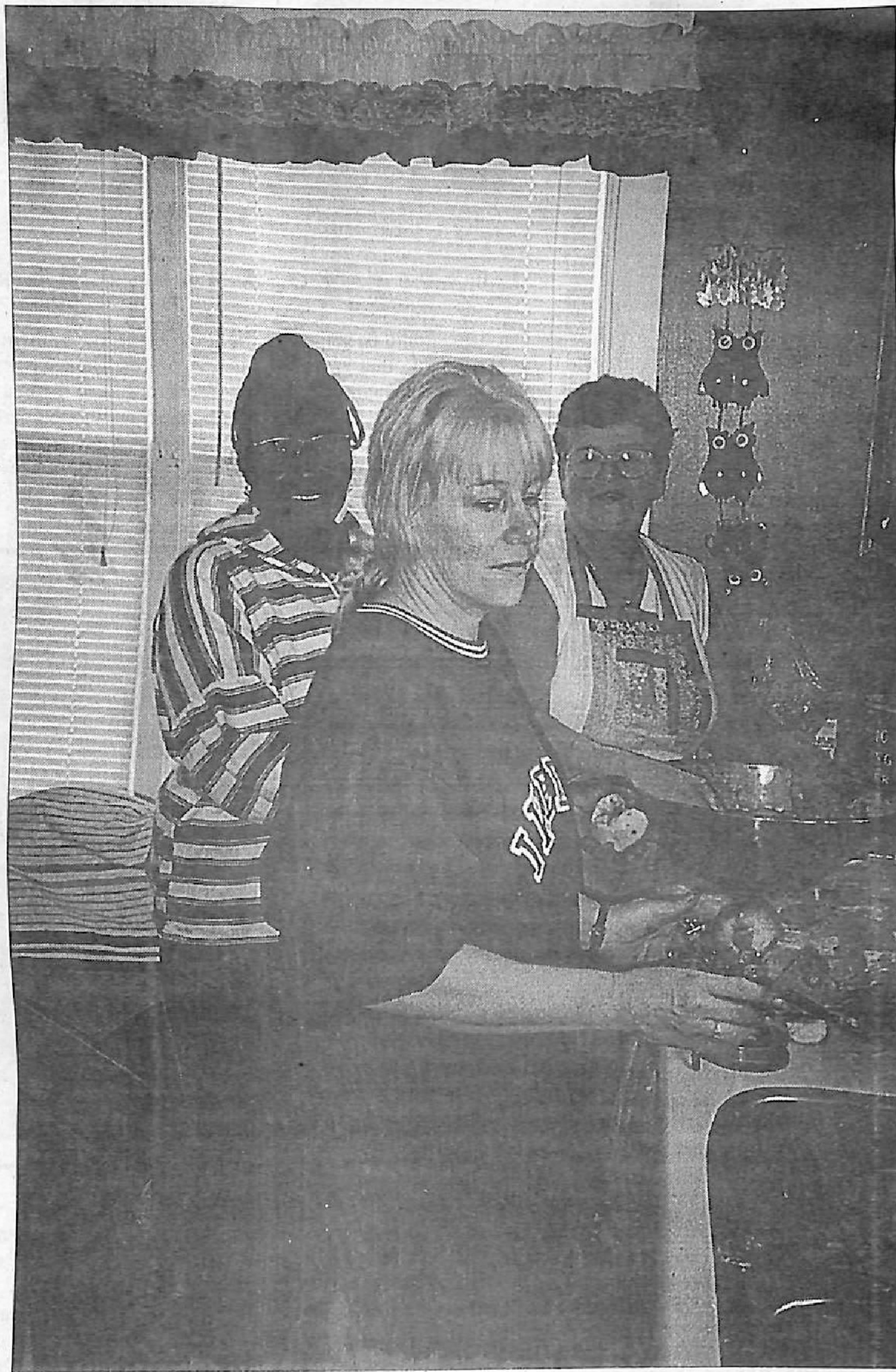


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PIECES OF PIE: Volunteers gathered at the Colborne kitchen of Carmen Lawrence to prepare apple pies for sale to raise funds for Central American Hurricane Mitch disaster relief. Left to right, Carmen, Kathy Atkinson of Wicklow with apple peeling equipment, and Fern Day, pastry chef extraordinaire.

and Kathy (apple peeler for the day) rolled up their sleeves to help Carmen with the fund-raising effort.

"Every little bit helps," Carmen says of the donations of pie plates, labour, apples and orders. "Whatever you get counts toward a profit."

Retired minister Gordon

Ficko donated apples from his orchard for the initial production.

"There will be many people to thank later," notes Carmen. "David Rutherford donated a bushel of apples, and others from the Lakeport area have offered apples."

The pies, sold at \$6 each, are being sold by word of mouth.

"One man from Morganston called me he bought 15!" a pleased Carmen reports. "I haven't even

approached my choir yet, and there are a number of meetings coming up."

Like stone soup, only sweeter, the pastry production is producing community spirit and contribution for people thousands of miles away.

Pie production will continue for several weeks. If you are interested in helping out, contributing items, or purchasing apple pies, call Carmen Lawrence at (905) 355-3029.