#TheShucksofOrganizing

As I sit back and finally breathe I can reflect on my experience with organizing a community event for my organization. It is the beginning of July and I knew as soon as the smoke cleared from all the fireworks in the city that Back to School time would be in full throttle. It was time for my organization to start getting ready for our annual back to school fair. This year we wanted to make it a Food themed event. We wanted people to be able to get school supplies and a bite to eat. We do this event on a busy weekend for the state of Missouri. Its tax free weekend so everyone is busy running around getting started on purchasing items for their children etc to survive the school year.

As time approached I realized that getting food for our event wasn’t the hard part. The hardest part of the event was getting the appliances we needed in order to make this dream work. I had a friend working on some spring cleaning and she was having the opposites of #TheShucksOfOrganizing. She found a great way to get rid of all her spring cleaning “junk” she was using Re.Use.Full a site made for and created by people that wanted to help the community when they are in the same predicament(s) as we are.

I got on the site and was able to find everything I needed even down to an ice cream machine! When it came time to meet up at the different pick up locations everything went very smoothly we were able to even chat and get more items than we had bargained for. The day of the event arrived and we had more than enough applicances for the items we need. I also was able to see what other organizations had to offer as well. Re.Use.Full saved the day for me! I hope they did the same for you!