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Coins for Kids

Every coin and child counts!



Children Collecting
Coins for Children

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Program Summary

COINS FOR KIDS is a competition program that provides students with the opportunity to better understand the lives of children in Tanzania. It is specifically targeted to help orphaned and abandoned children in Tanzania, of which there were over 2.5 million last year!

By collecting quarters, dimes, nickels or pennies (which are often dumped into drawers or lost between sofa cushions), the program enables children to see that everything and everyone (including themselves) has worth!

It also offers students the opportunity to learn about children in another culture, increase their math skills, and see that their actions can make a difference in the world.

By making the program competitive, excitement and incentive is also added to the project. The competition can be run against a goal set by a group of students in a class, grade, or school. It can also be run between students in a class, between classes, home rooms or grade levels, or between schools in a community.

How does it work?

- ❖ Students get permission, if necessary, from a parent or guardian to participate in the fundraising part of the program.
- ❖ A fundraising goal is set and a time period decided by Program leaders.
- ❖ Students decorate containers to put around the school (and, if school leaders agree, in the community).
- ❖ Leaders decide which learning activities will be used.



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What support is provided?

School administrators get a comprehensive program package which includes:

- ❖ A summary of the **COINS FOR KIDS** Program;
- ❖ The name of a Foundation volunteer to answer questions;
- ❖ A draft letter for distribution to parents about the program, with a permission slip, if necessary;
- ❖ Project instructions for the "Crazy Coins Competition";
- ❖ A PowerPoint presentation about Africa and TACODA;
- ❖ A colorful **COINS FOR KIDS** poster;
- ❖ Photographs of TACODA children and Tanzanian schools;
- ❖ A summary of key program highlights for students;
- ❖ A list of websites that offer information about Africa;
- ❖ A list of children's books on Africa.

To receive the full COINS FOR KIDS packet, e-mail Sheryl@jimarden4tacoda.org or call 508-548-3703.



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Project Instructions for the Crazy Coins Competition

- ❖ Organize a Volunteer Competition Committee to lead and supervise the **Crazy Coins Competition**.
- ❖ Decide who or what students will compete against: a goal, other students, classes, home rooms, grades or schools.
- ❖ Set a time limit for the **Crazy Coins Competition** to run; 15 days is ideal.
- ❖ Determine how your coins will be counted and rolled; by the committee, the school's snack machine vendor, a local bank or a Coinstar machine at the grocery.
- ❖ Obtain coin wrappers from a bank, if necessary.
- ❖ Provide a large, enclosed plastic container for each home room, class or grade. A sealed, one gallon plastic milk container, with a slit large enough to insert coins and bills, works well.
- ❖ Allow the students the opportunity to decorate the containers in an appropriate manner.
- ❖ Label each container with the name of the student, teacher, home room number, or other identification of the Committee's choosing.
- ❖ Place the containers in each home room, class or a central location where there is adult supervision. Make sure the containers are locked up at night.



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- ❖ Provide instructions to students on whom they may solicit pennies from: family, relatives, friends, neighbors, and/or local businesses.
- ❖ Consider actively publicizing your **Crazy Coins Competition** with posters, flyers, press releases and/or a special event within your community; Sheryl@jimarden4tacoda.org can help you with this.
- ❖ Have the students put the coins they collect in their class' container each day.
- ❖ Have the Committee volunteers empty the containers and count (and roll, if necessary) the coins daily.
- ❖ Post the daily competition results in a prominent location in the class or school to encourage friendly competition.
- ❖ Award each student, class or grade one point for each coin in the container, or 10 points for dimes, 25 points for quarters, etc.
- ❖ Give a rotating banner, pennant or cup to the leading student, class, or grade each day to add excitement to the project.
- ❖ At the end of the competition, award the banner, pennant or cup to the student, class or grade with the most overall points.
- ❖ Send the coin competition donation to: The Jim Arden Foundation, P.O. Box 4, Cos Cob, CT 06807.