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Pennies for Hope

Every penny *and child* counts!

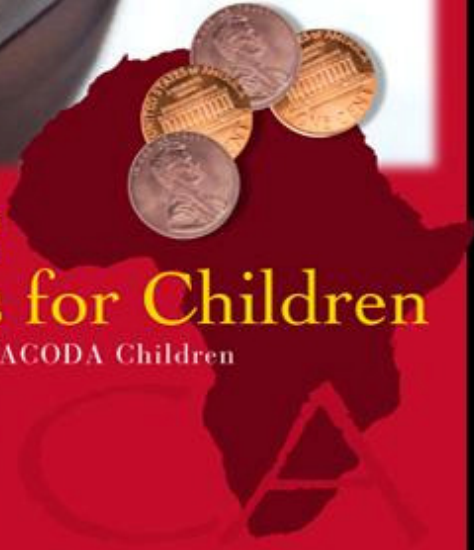


Children Collecting
Pennies for Children

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Program Summary

PENNIES FOR HOPE is a penny 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 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, discover fun facts about pennies, 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 **PENNIES FOR HOPE** 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 Penny Competition"; **Attached**
- ❖ A PowerPoint presentation about Africa and TACODA;
- ❖ A colorful **PENNIES FOR HOPE** poster;
- ❖ Photographs of TACODA children and Tanzanian schools;
- ❖ A summary (and PowerPoint presentation) of penny facts;
- ❖ A summary of key program highlights for students;
- ❖ A list of websites that offer information about Africa;
- ❖ A list of websites that offer fun facts and mathematical problems about pennies; and
- ❖ A list of children's books on Africa.

To receive a full program package for the **PENNIES FOR HOPE**, please email Sheryl@jimarden4TACODA.org or call 508-548-3703.

See Instructions for the Crazy Penny Competition on the next page!



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Project Instructions for the Crazy Penny Competition

- ❖ Organize a Volunteer Competition Committee to lead and supervise the **Crazy Penny 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 Penny Competition** to run; 15 days is ideal.
- ❖ Determine how your pennies will be counted and rolled; by the committee, the school's snack machine vendor, a local bank or a Coinstar machine at the grocery.
- ❖ Decide if other coins and bills can also be collected; it is usually allowed.
- ❖ Obtain penny 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.
- ❖ Provide instructions to students on whom they may solicit pennies from: family, relatives, friends, neighbors, and/or local businesses.
- ❖ Consider actively publicizing your **Crazy Penny Competition** with posters, flyers, press releases and/or a special event within your community; Sheryl@jimarden4TACODA.org can help you with this.



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Project Instructions for the Crazy Penny Competition (Cont'd)

- ❖ Have the students put the pennies 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 penny 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 penny competition donation to: The Jim Arden Foundation, P.O. Box 4, Cos Cob, CT 06807.