

About Common Cents

The Penny Harvest began in 1991 in New York City. Common Cents, creator of the Penny Harvest, nurtures a new generation of caring and capable young people between the ages of four and 14 by enabling them to strengthen their communities through philanthropy and service-learning.

About Solid Ground*

Solid Ground is a nonprofit agency serving people with low incomes. Each year, Solid Ground provides shelter, food, transportation and other services to nearly 35,000 families in need throughout Seattle and King County. Solid Ground also works to undo racism and build social justice, including advocating for public policies and initiatives that support families with lower incomes across Washington State. Most importantly, Solid Ground connects people with community resources to support them in taking positive steps toward lasting stability. For more information, please visit www.solid-ground.org.

*The Penny Harvest is administered by Solid Ground in coordination with Common Cents. Every penny collected by youth is donated to a charitable cause. To help Penny Harvest reach another child, another school, another community please contact Mike Beebe at mikebe@solid-ground.org.

Penny Harvest[®]

a program of **Solid Ground**



**Children changing
the world ...
one penny
at a time!**

"Students were so excited to participate. My favorite part was hearing students tell me about how they asked family members for pennies and how proud they were of the efforts they made to contribute."

*— Angie Fioretti, Penny Harvest Coach,
Northgate Elementary School*



Building community to end poverty

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Other Penny Harvest Sites

Capital Region of NY, Colorado, Florida,
New York City/Metro NY, Ohio

"Penny Harvest definitely helped my class become more aware of issues facing our society. They were able to look at large scale (global) as well as smaller scale (community) issues. It was empowering for them to see that their pennies make a difference."

— Kirby Green, Teacher, Hawthorne Elementary School

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Help your child and school succeed in the Penny Harvest!

Your child's school is in a race to meet the 25 Sack Challenge – 750 pounds of pennies to be gathered before Thanksgiving! – and they need your help.



“When we find out about causes that need help we uncover a different world as we learn about people in need. Yes, it is sad that people are out on the streets in poverty but it is nice knowing that we can help and that others are already helping.”
— Katy, 4th grader, The Evergreen School

How can I help?

Help your child fill this penny bag by asking friends and family for donations of idle pennies.

Who can my child harvest pennies from?

Anyone and everyone! Friends, family, neighbors and local businesses are just a few ideas.



Why pennies?

Every contribution helps your child's school get closer to beating the 25 Sack Challenge, but pennies are special because everyone can contribute at least one. That's why we believe that pennies – found in startling quantities in the homes of both the rich and poor – are the philanthropic property of children.

Find all the tips and tools you need, including activities you can do together at:

www.pennyharvest.org/seattleneighbor

What happens to the pennies?

Children have the power and the freedom to decide how to spend their harvest funds. From homeless children to the elderly, from human rights to global warming, the children explore community problems and how to get things done. Then they make grants and take action.

Your child is a part of something amazing!

The Penny Harvest is the largest and most effective service-learning program in the country. The program engages over 500,000 elementary and middle school students nationwide in gathering pennies, making grants and taking action.

Penny Harvest Feats of Philanthropy since 1991:

- 8.1 million dollars in pennies collected
- 18,041 grants awarded
- 36.8 million service hours volunteered

About the Penny Harvest

The Penny Harvest transforms children into engaged citizens by giving them the knowledge, tools and power to solve real life problems in their communities.



What we do

We supply your child with the necessary tools and each school with an academic curriculum and support. And most importantly, we make it fun and children love it!

Why we do it

Every child wants to make a difference. The Penny Harvest gives them a chance. The results for children – and their communities – are extraordinary.

Ask your child:

“What would you do to make our community a better place?”

Gather Pennies

Every FALL, student leaders rally their entire school to collect pennies from neighbors.

Make Grants

In the WINTER, students intensively research community needs, debate causes, interview and visit organizations, and work together to make grant decisions.

Take Action

In the SPRING, students further the impact of their grants with hands-on neighborhood service projects.