



Pennies for Palaces

Pennies for Palaces is a school-based fundraiser for Metro Camden Habitat for Humanity—where dreams *can* come true for our low-income neighbors when they are able to provide a roof over their family’s heads. Although Habitat for Humanity doesn't build palaces, a simple, decent, affordable house for a family in need can feel like a palace to them. Even though students are too young to participate in actual construction opportunities, they, along with faculty members can help Habitat for Humanity’s mission by helping to fund house construction.

☛ *Make a Change with change*

Your school’s charitable contribution can be put to work *immediately* in Camden to help us build affordable housing for low-income families. Schools typically run P4P for one month. Money is typically collected in a central location, or by classroom. All denominations of money are welcome and one faculty member takes responsibility for turning the collection into a check at the end. Some schools have held P4P in conjunction with a school theme such as “Kindness Week” where the students and faculty have an opportunity to see a real demonstration of compassion for their neighbors. *Pennies for Palaces* can fit right into your curriculum as an extra learning tool for students to discuss volunteering, poverty, giving back, needs vs. wants, etc. A goal sheet is provided to see what your collection can be turned into in ‘construction terms’.

☛ *Flexible format*

A Habitat representative can come to your school with a Power Point presentation and introduce your students to the work of Habitat for Humanity in Camden. The program is typically 20-25 minutes long and can be broken into multiple showings as to keep similar aged students together. Otherwise, you may opt to have a faculty member at your school to run it on your own schedule. There is a cd with a slideshow guide that he or she can use to show it during class room time or to turn it into a discussion opportunity.

☛ *A little can go a long way!*

We often find loose change under the couch, on the sidewalk, or even in our pockets! Just as the construction of Habitat houses requires the help of many volunteers, families and staff, fundraising requires the assistance of even more people. Any contribution your school makes will help a family in need.

In 2009, Millbridge Elementary School was creative in advertising the program to their school during the morning announcements by having students speak about P4P and what impact they can make on others by working together and collecting coins. In one month they raised \$2,750.

Now that’s a lot of pennies!!!

☛ *Why wait?* Get started today by contacting Amy at habitat@habitatcamden.org to schedule a date or to request materials.

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