

## **Pennies for Poverty: 2 Cents 4 Change**

The purpose of the Pennies for Poverty Program is fundraising, promoting volunteerism, and raising awareness about poverty in Newburyport, MA. The program is divided into four parts: 2 Cents, 2 Cans, 2 Hours, TOGETHER. The core reason the Pennies for Poverty Program exists is to lessen the current effects of poverty and crisis, while working simultaneously to eliminate the root causes of poverty and crisis in the future.

The Pennies for Poverty: 2 Cents 4 Change, a non profit corporation, is run by volunteers. The Program does have expenses of about \$2,000 a year. So, please, if you can afford to donate, help us out with a small contribution. If 200 people and businesses in Newburyport all donated just \$10 a year, we would have our budget covered!

Anything above our expenses, will be turned over to the 2 Cent Fund for the Grants. The Pennies for Poverty Program will not be saving up a "war chest" as we feel strongly that the extra money, above our expenses, needs to be available to help people.

If you would like to financially support the Pennies for Poverty: 2 Cents 4 Change campaign programs, send us a check made out to Pennies for Poverty and on the memo line write Pennies Program. Any money raised that is more than is needed for a fiscal year, will be turned over to the 2 Cents Grant Fund. Or send a check for the 2 Cent Grant: Make the check out to Pennies for Poverty and write "2 Cent" on the memo line.

## **Two Cents for Change**

We are asking that everyone in Newburyport donate 2 cents a day to the Two Cents for Change Campaign. Two cents a day is \$7.30 per year which doesn't seem like much but the combined 2 cents of everyone in Newburyport would total \$125,000! This money will fund programs which are currently not available or help fund programs which may need additional funds. One hundred percent of the 2 cent money raised will all be given out in grants to service organizations or individuals to fund new initiatives that lift people out of poverty or help fund existing programs because of the current economic situation.

## **Two Cans for Change**

Two Cans for Change is a program to increase awareness as well as increase donations to the food pantries in the area. We are encouraging everyone to donate at least 2 cans or non-perishables to any of the local food banks. Please note The Salvation Army can also take fresh fruit and vegetables.

## **Two Hours for Change**

We are asking that everyone volunteer two hours a month to an organization of their choice. Two Hours for Change will have a Volunteer Job Fair in the fall to bring together organizations and individuals.

## **Together for Change**

We will be having free events throughout the year in order to bring about awareness as well as community togetherness. Please watch the newspapers for announcements!

***A nonprofit funded by the  
community, run by volunteers of the  
community, for the benefit of the  
community!***

Common CENTS



Newburyport's Common Gardens

# Be a 2009 Common CENTS Gardener!

## The Common CENTS Garden

Poverty in Newburyport is growing and the local food pantries and soup kitchens are increasing in need of additional food donations. One of the problems with poverty is not getting quality nutrition and not getting fresh fruit and vegetables. This is especially important for children in poor families as nutrition and adequate calorie intake is crucial in brain development, especially for children under the age of five.

The Pennies for Poverty: 2 Cents 4 Change, Inc. program decided to look into having a community vegetable garden, run by volunteers with the garden plot and seeds donated. The First Parish of Newbury has joined us on this important project and has agreed to Chair the program as well as donate the garden plot.

The Common Cents Garden purpose is organizing, planning, planting, harvesting, and disbursing of vegetables to benefit the local food pantries and soup kitchens. The committee will also work with individuals and farms to encourage them to plant a row of vegetables to donate to the food pantries and soup kitchens.

The committee would be responsible for finding a donated sites; preparing the sites; planting; maintaining garden; harvesting and disbursing the produce; locating donations of seeds and any equipment needed for the garden.

Please consider joining this new initiative of Pennies for Poverty: 2 Cents 4 Change, Inc. and the First Parish Church of Newbury and TOGETHER we will make a difference!

Individual Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Experience Gardening:

None  Some  LOTS!

Planning Committee

Will work with stores and business for seed donations.

Will work with farms and individual gardens.

Will help prepare garden.

Will help plant.

Will help maintain garden

Will help harvest.

Will help disburse the produce.

Will take photos and do a write up for the Penny News monthly.

I will deliver vegetables.

I would like Common CENTS to pick up produce.

All of the above.

For more information:  
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# Attention Farmers and Individual Vegetable Gardeners

Do you have extra space to plant an extra row or two of vegetables or have fruit to donate to the local food pantries and soup kitchens? Sign the pledge below and mail in to us and become an official Common CENTS garden! Join the growing list of Common CENTS gardeners and farmers on our website.

I pledge to grow \_\_\_ rows of vegetables or can donate \_\_\_\_\_(fruit) for the local food pantries and soup kitchens.

Farm Name:

Individual Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

I will deliver vegetables.

I would like Common CENTS to pick up produce.

## Making Change with Change!



## THANK YOU !

Pennies for Poverty: 2 Cents 4 Change, Inc.