

Upcoming Events

- Take Two Classic Movie : June 28, 4 PM
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June 2009

Pennies for Poverty: 2 Cents 4 Change Funding

2 Cents Grant: Fund the grants by donating 2 cents a day or \$7.30 a year! 100% of the money donated is given out in grants! Have a 2 Cent Jar to save your change and when full, deposit directly into the 2 cent bank accounts (Institution for Savings, Eastern Bank, Provident Bank, or 5 Cent Savings Bank). Or write a check to *Pennies for Poverty and note on the memo line: 2 Cent Grant*

Pennies for Poverty: Support the overall program! If 200 people donate just \$10, our program costs of \$2,000 a year are covered! Please help fund the overall costs of the program! Write a check to *Pennies for Poverty and note on the memo line: Pennies for Poverty.*

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2 CENT GRANT FUND

Current Bal: \$4,906.77

2009 GRANTS GIVEN OUT

\$50 to Ann Smith for Meal Marks.

PENNIES FOR POVERTY

Program Operating Account

Current Balance: \$1,509.78

Pennies for Poverty: 2 Cents 4 Change, Inc. is a program run by volunteers from the community, funded by the community for the benefit of the community.

Penny News

2 Cent Grants Available: 2 Cent Grant Applications are available online! The grants are available to either service organizations or to individuals with new ideas to lift people out of poverty.

Pennies for Poverty: 2 Cents 4 Change, Inc.

Two Cents, Two Cans, Two Hours, **TOGETHER!**

Pennies Board Meetings: Thinking of joining the Board? Curious about what we do? Guests are welcome to attend our Board meetings. Just call or send us an email and we will let you know when and where our next meeting will be held.

Clarification on the Common Cents Garden initiative: There are several gardens that are dedicated to growing vegetables to donate to the local food pantries or soup kitchens. Some individuals have planted an extra tomato or other vegetable in their garden for the food pantries or soup kitchens. Each garden, including the garden at First Parish, is separately run by individuals or organizations but is not done in collaboration with Pennies. Pennie's role is promoting the idea of the Common Cents Garden as self-run, separate gardens that donate produce to the local soup kitchens or food pantries and to help locate volunteers for the gardens. The Common Cents Garden poster is online if you would like to display it in your garden or by a vegetable plant.

The garden at First Parish, the "Circle of Friends Garden", is looking for volunteers to help coordinate, plant, maintain, harvest and distribute the produce. If you would like help out with the Circle of Friends garden at First Parish, please contact Minister Nancy Haverington at ministernancy@aol.com.

Volunteers Needed

Common CENTS Resource Bank: Do you have a special skill? Do you have special knowledge such as home finance, resume writing etc? Are you interested in being a mentor? If you would like to be part of this new volunteer opportunity, please call or email Dudley Glover at dgplumisle@aol.com.

Just because a child's parents are poor or uneducated is no reason to deprive the child of basic human rights to health care, education and proper nutrition.

-- *Marian Wright Edelman*

Senzeni Na

Zulu for "What have we done?"



2009 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES and POVERTY AWARENESS FAIR

Newburyport, MA

October 16 World Food Day

October 17 International Day for the
Eradication of Poverty

We have an exciting Senzeni Na Fair planned for October 16-17! Events that are planned include: our 3rd year of connecting volunteers with nonprofits; speakers and documentaries; bake sale to benefit the 2 Cent Grant Fund; a free will offering concert by the Boston Community Choir to benefit the 2 Cent Grant Fund; a closing ceremony and reception; a "Jelly Bean Mystery Auction" and more. The Senzeni Na Fair is hosted by the Social Action Committee of the FRSUU, Belleville Congregational Church, the Poverty Program (www.povertyprogram.com) and Pennies for Poverty: 2 Cents 4 Change, Inc.

The Jelly Bean Auction "auctions" off donated signed mystery items by having people guess the number of items in a container by a photo of the mystery item donor. Whoever guesses the closest to the actual number of items in a container, wins the mystery item along with the signed photograph. The items are not auctioned for money so as to be inclusive to all. All the Senzeni Na Fair events are "Free Will Offering".

If you would like to help with any of these events, from baking cookies for the bake sale or closing reception to being a hostess at the Fair to donating a mystery item for the "Jelly Bean Auction" to planning and

organizing, or donating a service such as printing, copying, sound equipment etc., please contact Cathie at 978-463-0507 or 2cents4change@gmail.com.

We are also looking for sponsors of the Senzeni Na Fair and are asking businesses and/or individuals to make a donation of just \$10 to help us cover the costs of the fair. As you know, Pennies annual operating expenses for 2009 is just \$2,000 so you know we will "penny pinch" and stretch your donations! Extra funds that are not needed for the Fair will fund Pennies 2010 budget and/or be donated to the 2 Cent Grant Fund. Please consider sending a check to Pennies for Poverty and note on the memo line: "Fair" and you'll be listed in the Senzeni Na program book as a sponsor! **Thank you for your continued support!**

OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Be a Pennies Presenter and help us spread the word by doing speeches and presentations!
- Write articles for the Pennies Newsletter.
- Bloggers, myspace & facebook: give us a shout-out and link!
- Join a Committee or the Pennies Board!
- Host a Penny Party: Invite your friends and ask them to bring 2 cents & 2 cans to donate!
- Raise awareness about poverty.
- Help with an event.

Making Change With Change! Pennies Events

Take Two Movies
Classic Comedies
June 28, 4 PM

For details, call 978-465-7734
Belleville Church - Bannister Room 300 High Street, Newburyport

Others Events

May 29th
Mission Oak Grill
Featuring music by "Das Pintos", Bring your can of beans to donate to "Our Neighbors Table" and dance the night away, Numero Dos!

Wednesday, June 10 6:30 PM
"ALZHEIMER'S LESSONS LEARNED"!
A Discussion With Fran Larkin
YWCA Greater Newburyport
Community Rm., 13 Market St.

Fran Larkin has developed this detailed presentation, **Alzheimer's Lessons Learned**, based on his and his two sister's experience in dealing with this disease while caring for their mother, an Alzheimer's Patient. Fran is an Alzheimer's Champion and Advocate and

increases awareness of this horrible disease throughout the community while helping individuals and families who are going through this journey. Fran's mother died of Alzheimer's in 2007, after being diagnosed in 2002. This emotional and informative discussion not only increases the awareness of Alzheimer's Disease but also deals with various questions surrounding this disease including recognizing the onset/symptoms; care options; changes to diet, health & exercises; Legal preparation/decisions; resources available to the patient & family.

Farmers' Market Opening
Sunday June 14th 10:00 - 2:00
Tannery Marketplace

- Fruits and Veggies farmed locally
 - Savories and Sweets goodies to eat
 - Artisanal hand made crafts
- The farmer's market is every Sunday, June 14th - October 25th

Sunday Potluck Dinner with Slow Food Seacoast

A warm welcome has been extended by Slow Food Seacoast to join them during their public potluck dinners, the first Sunday of each month. The next potluck will be on June 7th, in Portsmouth NH. A email will go out to all those interested to confirm the location.

The Summer Solstice Celebration
June 21st 4pm - 10 pm

Historic Spencer Peirce Little Farm Activities for the entire family; come enjoy live music.

SERVICE AGENCIES
Pettengill House

Pettengill's Saturday Night Meal Program is looking for volunteers to help cook, prepare, and/or deliver for the meal on Saturday, June 6th. The hot meal would need to be delivered by 2pm on Saturday. Also, if you have time to help box the meals, that would be of tremendous assistance; or help with delivery is always needed as well, starting at 3:30pm.

KIDS AS PEACEMAKERS
NEWSLETTER SIGN UP!

In June, Kids as Peacemakers will begin to email a newsletter about upcoming events at Kids As Peacemakers and short articles about our activities. If you are interested in receiving this newsletter, please send an email to: Merle.Forney1@verizon.net

THANK YOU FRSUU!

The First Religious Society Unitarian Universalist donated \$953 from their extra change offering to the 2 Cent Grant Fund! Thank you FRSUU!

SERVICE AGENCIES
SPOTLIGHT ON PORT MEDIA!

Pennies for Poverty: 2 Cents 4 Change, Inc. is sponsoring "Nonprofit Spotlights" on Port Media in order to increase public awareness of available services and programs as well as providing added visibility for local non-profits that may be looking for people/organizations for extra help to bridge the gap during budget short-falls. Let's get to know our area non-profits and the programs and people who work to make our neighborhood in the world a better place to live.

Non Profits: If you would like to be spotlighted for a half hour Port Media "Non Profit Spotlight" or if you have a specific event that you would like advertised, let us know and we will create a PowerPoint slide which will be displayed during the normal Channel 10 public service announcements. For more information or to sign up to be spotlighted, please contact Jay Jorgenson at: jorgensonj@aol.com

Great Graduation Present!

Local author and Pennies Board Member, Fran Larkin, has published his new book "5 Words and Then Some." Books can be ordered from any local bookstores or from Amazon.com and other online sources. 5 Words and Then Some makes a great graduation present and Fran will be glad to autograph it for you! **Congratulations Fran!**

The Newburyport U Project

New local web site and group aims to attract more enviro-scientific research and education to Newburyport

The Newburyport U project is a volunteer effort to increase education and research related activities in the greater Newburyport area with a focus on environmental sciences. A recently launched website at www.NewburyportU.com allows those interested to get an overview of the group's mission and to join the associated Green Science Collaborative group on GroupUp.net.

"Penny for your thoughts?"

Let us know your 2 cents!

- Name:**
- Address:**
- Phone:**
- Email:**
- Your 2 Cent Ideas:**

Interested in Volunteering:
Yes No