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**“Thoughtful Pennies” - Fourth Campaign Complete**  
Kids Club Members Continue their Charity Efforts after a YEAR!

After year of collecting pennies for various children’s organizations/charities, Kids Club members from the Colton Housing Community continue to make strides in their efforts to give back to the community after a year of their “Thoughtful Pennies” campaign.

For the past three months they collected pennies for Make a Wish Foundation and raised \$28.50. The previous charities include: Rupert’s Kids - \$22; St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital - \$26.22, and Ronald McDonald House Charities - \$129. Now until the end of April, they will be collecting pennies for My Stuff Bags Foundation.

The My Stuff Bags Foundation provides comfort and a message of hope to abused and neglected children entering crisis and foster care through its unique program, My Stuff Bags. Sadly, more than 300,000 children across America must be rescued each year from dangerous home environments. That’s over 34 children per hour. Traumatized by the events leading to their rescue, these children often arrive without any of their own belongings: no favorite stuffed animal, no special “blankie.” They are afraid and need something to hold onto. Filled with things they need, things to cuddle, things to hold on to, and things to call their own, My Stuff Bags help these children get settled in their new surroundings. (Information obtained from My Stuff Bags website).

The kids continue to collect pennies on their own, but if anyone is interested in donating their pennies, please contact Ana Gamiz via email at [agamiz@hacsb.com](mailto:agamiz@hacsb.com).

These children are and continue to be a true inspiration and representation of the Housing Authorities Vision to create a world in which all people have a stable and enriched quality of life.

Thank you all for helping the community and good luck in your future campaigns!

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