



LOCAL KINDERGARTEN CLASS COLLECTS PENNIES TO SEND SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO CHILDREN IN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN

Classroom scheduled to deliver the pennies to the Amegy Bank of Texas-Heights branch

WHAT: Kindergarten students from the Small Steps Nurturing Center in Houston's First Ward have collected thousands of pennies that will be used to help purchase school supplies for underprivileged children in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The children were inspired to fundraise for this purpose after their teacher read them the book, *Listen to the Wind*, the early reader's tale of Greg Mortenson's *Three Cups of Tea* and his work building schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

This charitable outreach is very significant as many of the kindergartners and other students in the Small Steps Nurturing Center programs are considered economically at risk. The students and their teacher, Denise Wilburn, will be visiting the Amegy Bank of Texas – Heights location to convert their pennies into a check donation for the Pennies for Peace nonprofit organization.

Small Steps is a nationally accredited school for economically at-risk students ages two through six in inner city Houston. Small Steps provides an early education that fosters the social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and spiritual growth of these 117 children and their families.

WHO: The kindergarten class from the Small Steps Nurturing Center in Houston's First Ward.

WHEN: Thursday, April 9, 2009
10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Amegy Bank of Texas – Heights Branch
2105 Taylor Street
Houston, Texas 77007
713-232-5257

PHOTO

OPP: --Local kindergarten students will cash in their pennies to send to the Pennies for Peace charity, an organization that provides school supplies for children in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

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