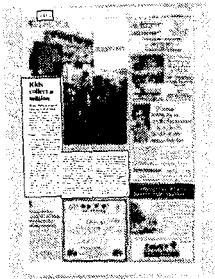


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Kids collect a million

*Penny Harvest students
raise more than \$10K
for local charities*

On Dec. 20, students, teachers, parents and community members gathered at the Young Americans Bank for the First Annual Penny Harvest Count-a-Thon, where an estimated one million pennies were sorted, counted and sacked to celebrate the Young Philanthropists Foundation's Penny Harvest program.

The Penny Harvest is a yearlong educational program designed to teach children about their value as contributors to society. Each fall students gather idle pennies by going door-to-door in their communities. Every penny the children collect is theirs to give away to charities of their choice in an educational group process that involves both grant making and service throughout the year. Student donations and service hours will help hundreds of local and global charities and at the same time build skills and values that will last a lifetime.

Fifteen Colorado elementary and

middle schools participated in this inaugural year of the program, including Denver Public Schools' Columbian Elementary, Denison Montessori, Polaris at Ebert, Denver

Center for International Studies, Centennial K-8, Lowry Elementary and William Roberts School; Jeffco-based Micklejohn Elementary; Adams County's Skyline Vista Elementary; Douglas County's Meadow View Elementary; Cherry Creek Schools' Eastridge Elementary and Canyon Creek Elementary; Yuma-based Morris Elementary, and Denver private schools Graland Country Day School and the Logan School for Creative Learning.

Founded in 1991, the Penny Harvest is now the largest youth philanthropy program in the country,

serving 500,000 students annually in more than 800 schools nationwide. In the past 16 years, children participating in the Penny Harvest have given away \$6 million, awarded more than 9,000 grants and contributed nearly 20 million service hours to their local communities. The Young Philanthropists Foundation was awarded licensing for the Penny Harvest in April of 2007 and plans to bring the program statewide within five years.

For more information, visit www.pennyharvest.org/colorado or www.ypfoundation.org.

