

Dimes for Dollars: Helping Hamilton Food Share



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In the spring of 2005, two boys in Grade 4 had to complete a research project about Hamilton Food Share for Mrs. Rehill, the learning resource teacher. That started Dimes for Dollars, or D4D, at R.L. Hyslop Elementary School. Dimes for Dollars is a charity team of students from grades 5 to 8 who collect money for an organization called Hamilton Food Share.

We collect money from the classes every second Wednesday of the month. We also collect funds at meet-the-teacher night, during Remembrance Day week with Remember Someone Special poppies, the Christmas bazaar, gift basket draws, candy-grams and much more!

You might be asking, 'What is Hamilton Food Share?'

It is an organization that collects food for food banks in the Hamilton area.

The Dimes for Dollars team collects money to donate to the Hamilton Food Share for food, toiletries and other daily necessities to supply food banks, the Red Cross and other organizations in need. Hamilton Food Share stresses that hunger is unacceptable, which is something we, the Dimes for Dollars team at R.L. Hyslop School, also believe. Our Dimes for Dollars team has raised more than \$4,500 since the spring of 2005, for Hamilton Food Share

to help the food banks sustain men and women, children and families. But that's not the best part!

Every donation to Hamilton Food Share is special; every donation to this organization gets multiplied ... by 10! So for every dime donated, Hamilton Food Share can raise one dollar worth of food, hence our team's name, Dimes for Dollars.

Did you know that 19,602 people per month turn to a food bank? Or that 31.8 per cent are single mothers or fathers with children?

For more information about starting Dimes for Dollars at your school, ask your teacher to contact the Dimes for Dollars Team at R.L. Hyslop Elementary School. We will gladly go to your school and speak at an assembly and give you a Start Up kit.