

# THE PENNY HARVEST REVIEW

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## Common Cents<sup>®</sup>

creators of the **Penny Harvest**<sup>®</sup>

DEAR FRIENDS,

On June 7th, the Common Cents family united to celebrate all of the amazing people that made the Penny Harvest possible this year. Thank you for showing us the power of schools doing good! We can't wait to see you next year!



## A LETTER FROM OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR TO GRADUATING STUDENT LEADERS

June 7, 2014 was the second biggest moment since becoming Program Director at Common Cents back in 2011. My first was a year ago when I inaugurated our first graduating class of fifty Penny Harvest student leaders. On that day, then Manhattan Council Member Gale Brewer, left the now Penny Harvest alumni with these parting words, "The lessons you learn are lifelong."

Now that I'm two-weeks removed from the 4th Annual Run for Change, those words so boldly spoken by now Manhattan Borough President Brewer still dance in my



## SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE SHOWCASE

Since 2005, the Schools of Excellence award has served as a distinction and honor awarded to exemplary Penny Harvest schools that have demonstrated their commitment and understanding of service learning and philanthropy. At the 4th annual Run for Change 5k Run/Rally, Common Cents hosted their 1st annual Schools of Excellence Showcase - a highlight and celebration of schools that go above and beyond in service.

Because of their commitment to service learning, the following schools were awarded the distinction of Penny Harvest Schools of Excellence:

- P.S. 1 Alfred E. Smith (District 2)
- P.S. 205 Fiorello LaGuardia (District 10)
- P.S. 7 Abraham Lincoln (District 19)
- P.S. 112 Lefferts Park (District 20)
- P.S. 19 The Curtis School (District 31)
- P.S. 123 Suydam (District 32)

The Schools of Excellence had the opportunity to showcase their Penny Harvest story at the Run for Change. Students, parents, coaches, and all who attended were able to view and vote on their favorite School of Excellence as the Grand Prize Winner.

## GRAND PRIZE WINNER: PS 123 SUYDAM

By majority vote, PS 123's visual story captivated all who laid eyes on it with its bright Penny Harvest scrapbook, quilt of caring poster board, and video of students in service! Their visual story demonstrated their commitment to their community and a better NYC by engaging their students in a year of service through the Penny Harvest.

"Classes in our school created a 'Quilt of Caring'." Judy Moschera - teacher and Penny Harvest Coach - explains, "Each class decided on an issue they wanted to address and they made a pledge [to help]." [Read more...](#)



Penny Harvest Coach, Judy Moschera, engages P.S. 123 students leaders in service.

## THE DAFFODIL PROJECT

For the second year, Common Cents

and New Yorkers for Parks joined efforts to bring the Daffodil Project to Penny Harvest Schools across NYC. Last year, 20 schools participated in the Daffodil Project. This year, 200+ schools signed up to receive bulbs to beautify their school and community gardens. Throughout NYC, 12,000 Penny Harvest students, parents, and staff gathered to plant over 58,000 bulbs in their communities.



Sprouting roots in 2001, The Daffodil Project began as a living memorial to the lives lost on September 11th. Since its creation, nearly 5 million bulbs - free to schools, community groups, civic organizations, and individuals who commit to planting them- have been distributed and planted citywide. Registration for bulbs will open in late August.



Daffodils planted by Penny Harvest Students.

## P.S. 192 VISITS BOWERY MISSION

On June 11th, PS 192 visited Bowery Mission - a rescue mission that has provided social services to the neighborhood of Bowery, located in the Lower East Side. Since 1909, Bowery Mission has been a safe haven for homeless men - providing food, shelter, medical services, and employment assistance. [Read more...](#)



P.S. 192 visits Bowery Mission to learn more about their program and services.