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## Pennies For Progress helps non-profit organizations and more

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Clean out your pockets, ashtrays, cars, purses, couches and anywhere else you can think of for extra change, then tell a friend to do the same.

This is the request made by Pennies For Progress, the or-

ganization that refers to itself as the "not-for-profit organization for not-for-profit organizations."

Bring your extra change to "Coin Clean Out Day" Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Runnin' Rebel Plaza in front of Mr. Goodcents. The proceeds will go towards com-

pleting tangible projects at the City of Hope National Medical Center in Los Angeles.

Mike Gilmartin, PFP's executive director, who graduated from UNLV in 1994, has been working on building an organization like Pennies for Progress for nearly four years. "Pretty much my whole life I've done community service," Gilmartin said.

He received the Congressional Gold Award in 1991 for donating 3,000 hours of service to Humana Hospital. The award is the only one congress bestows on young people.

This year's Coin Clean Out Day holds an even greater significance for Gilmartin. His brother Chris Gilmartin, a

former UNLV student, was diagnosed with leukemia in January, and is being treated at the City of Hope Medical Center.

Mike Gilmartin, who is a bone marrow donor for his brother, said the proceeds will go toward completing projects such as purchasing magazine subscriptions and recent best sellers for the patients and waiting rooms; new comic books and toys for pediatric areas; new VCR's and new audio tape players for patient rooms.

"Wouldn't it be nice if they (patients) had current movies to watch on a VCR, or current magazines to read?" asked Rich Martinez, also of Pen-

nies for Progress.

Coin Clean Out Day for the City of Hope is just one of many projects PFP has planned. Future events will include fund-raisers for other types of cancer, AIDS, and to assist the Ronald McDonald House. In addition, PFP plans to hold a memorial on campus for Valerie Pida, former UNLV student, and sister of Student Body President John Pida. Valerie died of leukemia.

"Instead of focusing on one particular issue, we're going to focus on a lot of different issues, causes and charities. We're not limiting ourselves to just one or two," Martinez said.

According to Martinez, PFP has two main objectives.

"First, we want to raise awareness that there are diseases among people in our age group," said Martinez, 25.

Secondly PFP will complete tangible projects.

"People never see where their money goes," Martinez said. "Here we will be completing tangible projects so that they can see exactly what the money is being used for."

Gilmartin thinks PFP can be successful because they are focusing on what people realistically have.

"The answers aren't there because people are looking for what's not there," Gilmartin said. "But I think we have to look at what's there. Do you have spare change that you don't utilize?"

Added Martinez, "People are willing to give more when you ask for less."

Campus unity is another PFP goal, according to Martinez.

"I'd really like to see the campus as a whole be united for once on a common ground issue, and I think that Pennies For Progress could be that common ground," Martinez said. "I would like to see a great idea become something much bigger."

"Right now it seems like there's an unlimited amount of problems, but I think conversely there's an unlimited amount of solutions," Gilmartin said. "We don't want to change the world, but we want to make our small part of it a better place."

For more information on Pennies For Progress, contact Mike Gilmartin at 457-2438, or Rich Martinez at 650-2383.

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## AIDS-infected child to deliver message of hope

Hydeia Broadbent's life has been dedicated to educating and promoting AIDS awareness and sensitivity.

The 11-year-old will bring that message to UNLV at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Moyer Student Union, Room 201.

Broadbent was born with the AIDS virus and is currently experiencing full-blown symptoms. She has toured the nation with her encouraging message, having made appearances on numerous television shows.

Last year, she was named Honorary Citizen of Georgia and the governor designated March 6 as her day.

"Hydeia's personality radiates love and confidence while she demonstrates an ongoing awareness of her purpose," a foundation spokesperson said.

Broadbent's appearance is free and open to the public. For more information, call 895-3221.

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