

Scouts collecting Dimes for Downs

The scouts from Pack/Troop 20 in East Montgomery would like to invite everyone in the community to join them in a service project that will continue through the summer. They will be collecting dimes for a project called Dimes for Downs.

Jennifer Walston, Pack 20 Webelos Den Leader, recently discovered a remarkable 13-year-old girl named Judy Adams with Down Syndrome who is raising money for an organization called Gifts From the Heart for Downs. It all started when Judy decided to help other kids like herself who have Down Syndrome. Judy thought that it would be so easy if everyone put a jar on their counter tops and put dimes into it each time they empty their pockets. She decided to name her project Dimes for Downs.

Walston was inspired by her efforts and decided to present the idea to the scouts. They were excited to do it. So far Judy has collected 56,322 dimes and the number goes up every day.

Gifts From the Heart for Downs is an organization that grants wishes to children with Down Syndrome. Recently they granted a wish to a family in Prattville who had adopted three children with DS. They were given a trip to Atlanta to see their favorite band, backstage passes to meet them, and the hotel and limo ride to the concert.

Anyone can drop off dimes at Churchill Academy, 395 Ray Thorington Road, during school hours Monday through Friday. They will also accept dimes during the summer once the summer programs start. There will be a collection bin by the front door to the school.

If you have any questions or would like more information you can email Walston at scoutdimes@churchillacade.mymontgomery.com.

Those who are interested can track Judy's progress on Facebook under "Gifts from the Heart for Downs". You can also visit the website and learn more about this organization at www.giftsfromtheheartfordowns.org.

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