

Foothill Wars to Help Shriners Hospital By Julie Gurr

The excitement level was high and the competition was stiff as classroom collection jars were being bombed with pockets full of change. Foothill Elementary's annual Penny Wars took place November 5 – 12, 2012. The Foothill Student Council sponsored the awesome fundraiser and the best part was that compassion and service for others reigned supreme!

The choice of which charitable organization to contribute to is traditionally decided by the students on the council. These students contemplated several charitable organizations. After careful consideration it was decided that the money raised by the event would be donated to Shriners Hospital.

Shriners Hospitals are a network of non-profit hospitals throughout North America. There is one located in Salt Lake City. They specialize in helping children with orthopedic conditions, burns, and spinal cord injuries, regardless of the cost or the patients' ability to pay. The student council invited a representative from the hospital to come and give a presentation. They also learned that several children associated with Foothill had previously received services from the local Shriners Hospital. This helped to give personal meaning to the fundraiser.

The student council initially set a goal of raising \$500 for this worthy cause but when all the bills and change finally settled in the collection jars there was a whopping \$1857.46! This money was presented to Shriner's Hospital in a fun assembly where a few students were granted the opportunity to "serve" (throw) large pies at several good-natured members of the Foothill Faculty and Staff. A big thank you goes out to the students, parents, faculty and staff of Foothill Elementary for their generosity and to the student council for a job well done!