

## Press Release

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### THE POWER OF A PENNY

**Hopalong Animal Rescue** was the lucky recipient of a large donation of pennies collected by first graders at Hillcrest Elementary School in Oakland's Montclair District. A coordinated effort between the kids and **Good Cents for Oakland** resulted in a total donation of close to \$1,800.00. The "check" was presented to Andy Sharkey, Deputy Director of Hopalong, on Saturday, April 29 at the school's fundraising Walk-A-Thon.

**The Penny Roundup Program**, run by Good Cents for Oakland, works with children in the Oakland Schools to raise funds for other non-profits based in Oakland. It's a free educational program based on the premise that kids have to power to help. Children learn life skills, critical thinking, leadership, and teamwork while honing math and literacy skills. This program is free to Oakland schools.

The money raised will help **Hopalong** rescue and care for the dogs and cats they save from euthanasia in the shelters.

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