

# news release

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## **Students at North New Summit School Learn How Pennies Can Pay For Lifesaving Cancer Research**

**March 9, 2010**– Students at North New Summit School raised \$1,050.83 to help fund cures for cancer and provide help and hope to thousands of patients and their families, through The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s (LLS) Pennies for Patients program.

This is the first year North New Summit School has participated in the Pennies for Patients program. “I am so proud of the students”, said School counselor, Mrs. Donna Yeargin and this year’s Pennies Coordinator. “With only 75 students we had to be creative in our approach to reaching our goal. The favorite was the Wii bowling tournament.”

“Thanks to research, about 88% of children with acute leukemia are now cured,” said Sharon Dischner, Donor Development Manager of LLS’s Mississippi/Louisiana Chapter. “But there still is a long way to go. Leukemia affects more children than any other cancer, so LLS’s School & Youth Programs provide a meaningful way for kids to help kids. Every penny really does make a difference.”

The LLS School & Youth programs, Pennies for Patients is designed to teach children the value of community service in a fun way. Students spent three weeks during the 2009-2010 school year contributing their spare change and encouraging others to do the same. The elementary classes received a free pizza party for raising over \$570.00 and the school will receive a gift card from Office Depot for school supplies.

Registering for LLS’s School & Youth Programs is fast and easy at [www.schoolandyouth.org](http://www.schoolandyouth.org). Teachers, parents and school administrators may also call Sharon Dischner at 877.538.5364 for more information.

### **About The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society**

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society ® (LLS) is the world’s largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer. The LLS mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin’s disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS funds lifesaving blood cancer research around the world and provides free information and support services.

Founded in 1949 and headquartered in White Plains, NY, LLS has chapters throughout the United States and Canada. To learn more, visit [www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org) or contact the Information Resource Center at (800) 955-4572, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET. [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org).

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