

What Donate Pennies Organization Means to Me
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DPO means giving a bit of myself to something greater. It may not change anything in the world at large, but it can change me a little by reminding me that I have a good life and I should celebrate it. It reminds me that I should give value to myself, my time, and treat others the same by respecting each person and his or her time.

Time is the only thing that we have that is an equalizer. Everyone has the same amount. By using a little time to give a small red cent, we can make our world a little better through reflection, appreciation, and acknowledgement of the minutia in life.

DPO means that my students care about each other and the world at large. DPO means that they believe that what they do in this life matters. DPO means that people are not careless or apathetic. It means that people are willing to step forward to take action for the greater good rather than shrugging their shoulders with the feeling that they can do nothing that alters the "business as usual" temperament.

Any meaningful change that has happened in our world started with one person. It is through the ideas of the individual that spark a reaction and motivate groups to take action.

DPO remembers the Holocaust and wants to help the refugees of Darfur, but DPO is really about the individuals who pause in their busy lives to reflect on the good in their lives. The penny is representative of the small gestures of kindness that create a positive shift in attitude.

If the flap of a butterfly's wings can potentially cause a hurricane on the other side of the planet, what can happen when pennies are collected for remembrance, appreciation, and hope?