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**Doylestown Retirement Community Raises More than \$500 to  
Help Build Schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan**  
*Wesley Enhanced Living at Heritage Towers residents and Doyle Elementary School  
Students Collaborate on International Fundraising Initiative*



Wesley Enhanced Living at Heritage Towers resident Mary Smith and Doyle Elementary School student Tori Gillespie discuss and answer questions about the book *Three Cups of Tea*.



Wesley Enhanced Living at Heritage Towers staff members and residents display one of the Pennies for Peace art projects they created with Doyle Elementary School students.  
L to R: Cathy DeChellis, Marcia Farnsworth, Louise Bartolett,  
Lori Campbell, Karen Lyons and Barbara Carlson

**Photo Credit: Wesley Enhanced Living at Heritage Towers**

**DOYLESTOWN, Pa., June 15, 2009-** During the month of May, residents and staff from Wesley Enhanced Living (WEL) at Heritage Towers retirement community, 200 Veterans Lane, collaborated with Doyle Elementary School fifth and sixth grade students on Pennies for Peace, an international fundraising initiative inspired by Greg Mortenson, renowned author of the book *Three Cups of Tea* and founder of the Central Asia Institute (CAI). Established in 1996 the Central Asia Institute (CAI) promotes and supports community-based education, especially for female students, in remote regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Throughout the month-long project, participants read and discussed *Three Cups of Tea*, a personal account of the challenges and triumphs Mortenson experienced in little-known, rural areas of Afghanistan and Pakistan. In addition to book discussions, residents and students learned about Afghani and Pakistani culture, created artwork related to *Three Cups of Tee* and raised \$510 to contribute toward the CAI's development of schools. To gain deeper cultural appreciation, participants modeled traditions practiced by the villagers profiled in *Three Cups of Tea* by sitting on rugs, sharing tea, and eating traditional fare.

On Thursday, June 4, the Pennies for Peace project culminated with a comprehensive exhibit of the students' artwork and the presentation of a video about Mortenson's experiences while building the schools.

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**About Wesley Enhanced Living (WEL)**

Wesley Enhanced Living (WEL) continuing care retirement communities are non-profit, faith-based living environments with a mission to deliver a purposeful life to residents. Serving over 1,000, with more than 600 employees throughout Pennsylvania, Wesley Enhanced Living in Doylestown, Hatboro, Pennypack Park, Burholme and Brodheadsville provide various combinations of independent living, personal care services, dementia care, and skilled nursing services. The organization also manages two HUD subsidized housing facilities for seniors, Meadow House and Manor Glen, in the Philadelphia region. Wesley Enhanced Living is headquartered in Southampton, Pennsylvania. For more information, call: 215.354.0565, or visit [www.wel.org](http://www.wel.org).