

# \$TAMPING for DOLLAR\$

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*Stamping for Dollars* is an occasional newsletter of the Indianapolis First Friends team who sell donated postage stamps to benefit Right Sharing of World Resources ([www.rswr.org](http://www.rswr.org)). RSWR is an independent Quaker organization partnering with groups of women in Kenya, India, and Sierra Leone for community transformation.



## Earnings Doubled

In fiscal year 2019-20 the stamp program earned a grand total of **\$4,720.35** for Right Sharing. This total includes income from the Indianapolis Stamp Club auction as well as sales to our longtime regular customers. Earnings in 2018-19 were \$2,327.09. Thank you, Maggie Ellis of RSWR, for supplying the 2019-20 figure.

## Stamping through the Pandemic

When pandemic restrictions began to be lifted, Brad Jackson came in alone to the meetinghouse to sort stamps. Now that restrictions have lifted even more, most of the team members come in on Wednesdays, when the First Friends staff is in the building. Everyone wears masks and socially distances.

## Surprise Connection

Stamp donor Betsy Chesney surprised the stamp sorting team by including a newspaper clipping from 2000 about a special American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) exhibit at First Friends in her stamp package. The exhibit displayed artifacts relating to the feeding of children in Europe by AFSC after World Wars I and II. The artifacts included many thank-you notes and drawings made by German children. These in turn comprised an exhibit created by Nichole Mathews of First Friends, which was displayed at Marian University in 2016. (For a description of the exhibit, see <https://www.indyartsguide.org/event/marian-university-hosts-giving-voices-ghosts-art-exhibit/>.) Nichole was happy to add the clipping as an artifact to the project archives. You can find the complete exhibit online at <https://www.indyfriends.org/thoughts-from-friends/giving-voices-to-ghosts>.

How fortunate is Betsy Chesney's habit of saving interesting articles in addition to stamps! What a wonderful memory to share of the Quaker ability to help those in need.

## New Team Member



Phil Goodchild, First Friends member and RSWR Board member, has joined the sorting team. Welcome, Phil!