

# Seniors, students work together

Residents and staff from Wesley Enhanced Living at Heritage Towers retirement community in Doylestown collaborated with Doyle Elementary School fifth- and sixth-grade students on Pennies for Peace, an international fund-raising initiative inspired by author Greg Mortenson.

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 Tea" and raised \$510 to contribute toward the 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 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.



*Resident Mary Smith and Doyle Elementary School student Tori Gillespie collaborate and answer questions about the book "Three Cups of Tea."*



*Staff members and residents display one of the Pennies for Peace art projects they created with Doyle Elementary School students. From left, Cathy DeChellis, Marcia Farnsworth, Louise Bartolett, Lori Campbell, Karen Lyons and Barbara Carlson.*

