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HELP FOR CHILDREN

Small coins make big change

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A mere 400 5¢ coins is all it would take to fund a child affected by autism to join a social group, which would help with their treatment.

West Australians are being urged to scour their homes and cars for unwanted 5¢ coins as part of a fundraising campaign to assist children whose senses have been affected.

Launched today by United Way WA, the 5 Cents for 5 Senses fundraiser will aid Friends of Autism, the Telethon Speech and Hearing Centre for Children, the WA Deaf Society, Assistance Dogs Australia and the Senses



Foundation. Friends of Autism chief executive Dee Marlow, who has three autistic sons, said being in social groups helped autistic children heighten their senses and tolerance of the outside world.

Donations can be made at any Westpac or HBF branch. For further information visit unitedwaywa.com.au.



Fundraiser: Dee Marlow with Lachie. left. Jordie and Andrew. Picture: Nic Ellis