



## **Boys Town Centennial Coin Designs Unveiled**

BOYS TOWN, Neb. – Today [Boys Town](#) and the United States Mint unveiled the designs of three coins that will commemorate the organizations' 100 years of service to children and families.

"Each time a person looks at any one of these unique designs, it will spark and interest in learning about the history of Boys Town, acknowledging the extraordinary efforts made by this organization to give comfort and purpose to children in need, and recognizing the significant contributions of Father Flanagan," said Rhett Jeppson, United State Mint Principal Deputy Director.

The United States Mint will issue 50,000 \$5 gold, 350,000 \$1 silver and 300,000 half dollar clad coins with designs that represent Boys Town and its rich history. Boys Town is one of the largest non-profit childcare organizations in the country. Founded in 1917 by Father Edward Flanagan, Boys Town provides services to more than 500,000 thousand children each year.

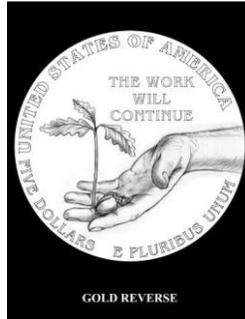
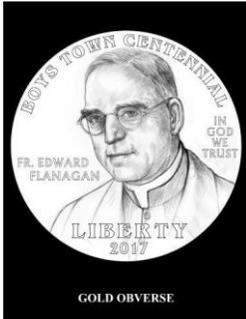
Pricing for the coins will include surcharges which are authorized to be paid to Boys Town to carry out its cause of caring for and assisting children and families in underserved communities across America.

"This is such an exciting time at Boys Town as we release the designs of these symbolic coins," said Father Steven Boes, Boys Town National Executive Director. "These coins will help us commemorate and celebrate the outstanding work that has been done by our organization over the last 100 years."

Congressman Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE), Congressman Adrian Smith (R-NE), Senator Deb Fischer (R-NE), Congressman Brad Ashford (D-NE), former Senator and Governor of Nebraska Ben Nelson, former Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE), and former Senator Mike Johanns (R-NE) worked tirelessly to make the Boys Town Centennial Commemorative Coins a reality.



The gold coin features a portrait of Father Edward Flanagan and on the reverse side a young oak tree growing from an acorn, which stands for the potential in each child helped by Boys Town to grow into a productive citizen.



The silver coin depicts a young girl sitting alone and gazing upward into the branches of an oak tree for help. The coins reverse also depicts an oak tree offering shelter and a sense of belonging to the family holding hands below it.



The clad half dollar shows an older brother holding the hand of his younger brother and walking towards Father Flanagan's home in 1917. While the other side of the coin depicts a present-day Boys Town neighborhood of homes where children are educated and nurtured by caring families.





The U.S. Mint will announce the release date and additional pricing information for the Boys Town Centennial Commemorative Coins prior to their release in 2017.

**View art of Boys Town Centennial Coins at**

<http://www.usmint.gov/pressroom/?action=photo>

**About Boys Town**

Boys Town is a beacon of hope for America’s children and families through its life-changing youth care and health care programs across the United States. Now more almost 100 years strong, Boys Town’s Continuum of Child and Family Services aims to provide the right services at the right time based on a child’s or family’s needs. In 2015, Boys Town’s integrated continuum of youth care and health care programs impacted more than 500,000 children and families across America. This includes those who received services from Boys Town’s traditional programs as well as those served by the many varied programs which comprise the Boys Town Continuum of Child and Family Services, including In-Home Family Services, health care services provided by Boys Town National Research Hospital and the Boys Town National Hotline.

**About the United States Mint**

The United States Mint was created by Congress in 1792 and became part of the Department of the Treasury in 1873. It is the Nations’ sole manufacturer of legal tender coinage and is responsible for producing circulating coinage for the Nation to conduct its trade and commerce. The United States Mint also produces numismatic products, including proof, uncirculated, and commemorative coins: Congressional Gold Medals: and silver and gold bullion coins. The United States Mint’s numismatic programs are self-sustaining and operate at no cost to taxpayers.

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