

# TUBFRIM History and information.

There are many ways in which we are asked to assist our fellow human beings who are in need. Participation in the TUBFRIM program is one of the more simple yet successful ways to do just that. TUBFRIM is an organization in Norway that resells cancelled stamps and donates the proceeds to help children with disabilities. Sons of Norway is proud to support TUBFRIM in their work to support children in need.

In 1928 Ditlef Frantzen, postmaster of the small Norwegian town of Nesbyen, got the idea to collect and market canceled stamps as a way of raising funds for the Tuberculosis Association in Norway. Within a few years, his idea caught on and many communities in Norway and beyond were collecting and sending bags of canceled stamps to Nesbyen.

When Frantzen left Nesbyen in 1943, he donated his stamp collecting institution to the Norwegian Health Service. Since tuberculosis is no longer the threat to health that it once was, today disabled and needy children receive the proceeds from the resale of the stamps. Last year TUBFRIM made a profit of 520,000 Kroner (that's almost \$80,000).

## How can I help?

To help TUBFRIM do its crucial work, simply clip canceled stamps from envelopes, leaving at least a 1/2" around the edge.

Visit **[www.TUBFRIM.no](http://www.TUBFRIM.no)** and click on "English" to learn more!

Trim stamps  
so that you  
have at least  
1/2" around  
the edge of  
the stamp.

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**Mary Bennett is the District 5 Coordinator.**

**You can get your lodge's stamps to Mary by:**

- **Have a member be your lodge TUBFRIM chairman**
- **It's preferred that you trim the stamps before sending them to Mary!**
- **Giving them to your zone director to take to District Board meetings.**
- **Bring stamps to Zone meetings and/or District Conventions, Leadership Conferences or other events that Board members will be at.**
- **Board members will then get them to someone who lives near Mary to save on postage costs.**
- **But if need be, mail them directly to Mary at 6414 Irving Drive, Sun Prairie, WI 53590.**
- **You do NOT have to send in the postcards anymore!**

**For more information:**

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