United States
Semipostal Issues

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1998
Breast Cancer Research



32¢ + 8¢ = 40¢

2002
Heroes of 2001



34¢ + 11¢ = 45¢

2003
Stop Domestic Violence



37¢ + 8¢ = 45¢

2004
Save Vanishing Species



44¢ + 11¢ = 55¢

2014
Breast Cancer Research

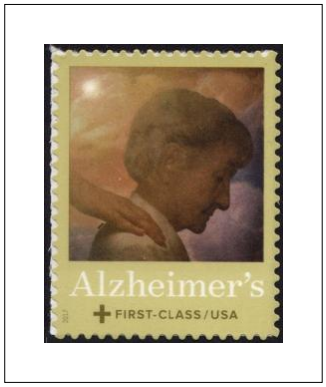


49¢ + 11¢ = 60¢

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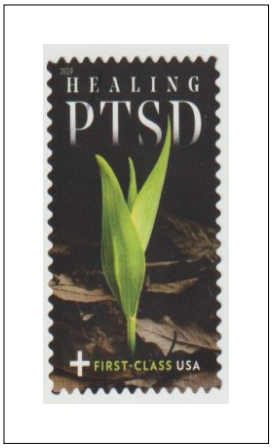
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2017
Alzheimer's



49¢ + 11¢ = 60¢

2019
Healing PTSD



55¢ + 10¢ = 65¢

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1998

BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

In 1997, Congress passed a bill mandating the USPS issue a stamp to benfit breast cancer research. The 8¢ surcharge over the then-current 32¢ First Class rate was to be used for this research.

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2002

HEROES OF 2001

The 11¢ surcharge over the then-current 34¢ First Class rate was for assistance to families of emergency relief personnel who were killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty in conjunction with the terrorists attacks of Sept 11 2001.

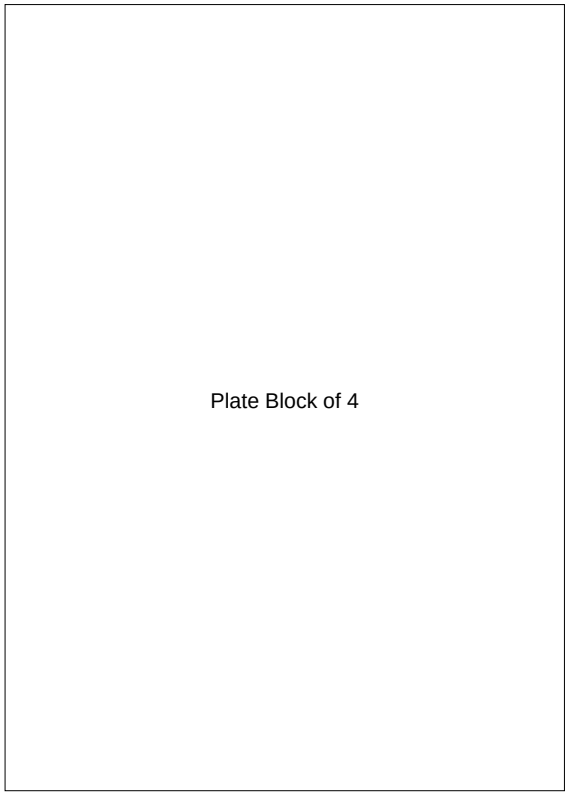
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2003

STOP FAMILY VIOLENCE

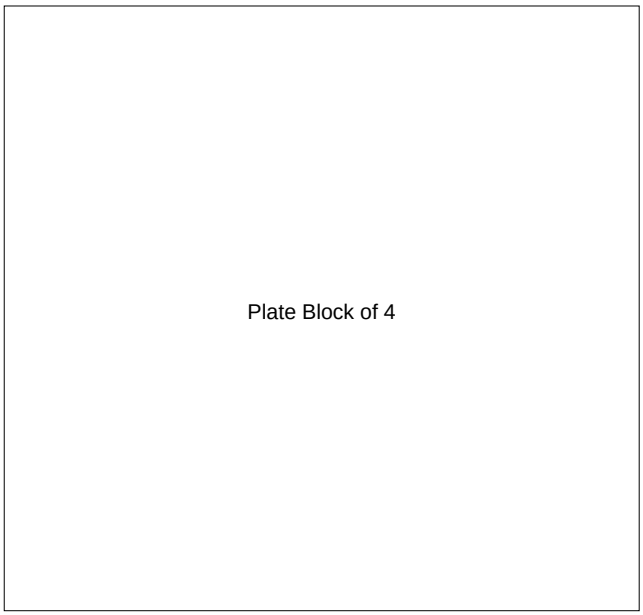
The 8¢ surcharge over the then-current 37¢ First Class rate went to the Department of Health and Human Services to help combat domestic abuse.



2004

SAVE VANISHING SPECIES

The 11¢ surcharge over the then-current 44¢ First Class rate was for the Multi-national Species Conservation Fund of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



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2014

BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

A re-issue of the highly successful 2012 stamp with an 11¢ surcharge over the then-current 49¢ First Class rate. The 2014 date appears in the lower left corner of the stamp under the 'USA'.

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2017

ALZEHEIMER'S

The 11¢ surcharge over the then-current 49¢ First Class rate went to the National Institue of Health to fund research into Alzheimer's disease.

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2019

HEALING PTSD

The 10¢ surcharge over the then-current 55¢ First Class
rate goes to fund research on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

