Give a book, help a child learn to read

Books can change a child’s story.

It’s estimated that in some low-income neighborhoods, there is just one age-appropriate book for every 300 children.*

Why does it matter? The number of books in a home is one of the greatest predictors of a child’s success in school and beyond.**

You can help change a child’s story for good.

The “If you Give a Child a Book …” campaign hosts free Scholastic book fairs in low-income schools across the country. Our campaign is 100% donor funded.

Why book fairs? Studies have found that when children select their own books, they are more likely to enjoy reading and score higher on comprehension tests.

For just $60, you can fund a home library for a child in need for one year. Your gift of any amount can make the difference for a child.

HELP A CHILD IN NEED TODAY

*Source: Handbook of Early Literacy Research

**Source: Scholarly culture: How books in adolescence enhance adult literacy, numeracy and technology skills in 31 societies

Spreading the magic of reading: Scholastic donates 25,000 copies of Harry Potter to Scripps Howard Fund partner schools

Twenty-five years ago, the first Harry Potter books hit shelves in the United States. To celebrate this milestone anniversary, Scholastic is generously donating a copy of “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” to every third through eighth grade student in the Scripps Howard Fund’s 78 Title 1 partner schools. That’s 25,000 books!

School libraries will also receive a new box set of the complete Harry Potter series.

Schools will distribute their books throughout the month of September as part of Scholastic’s “Welcome to Hogwarts” celebration.

SEE STUDENTS REACT TO RECEIVING THEIR COPIES OF HARRY POTTER IN PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

Scripps Howard Fund aids communities during natural disasters

From wildfires to hurricanes, when a natural disaster strikes a community, the Scripps Howard Fund is ready to aid those in need.

Working hand-in-hand with our local Scripps stations and Scripps News, the Fund establishes fundraising campaigns that are accessible to donors across the country.
Money donated by viewer is quickly distributed to local organizations who provide direct assistance to victims.

Over the last 12 months, the Fund has raised nearly a million dollars for victims of hurricanes and wildfires.

STATION SPOTLIGHT: ABC Action News raises money for homeless students

Every child wants to come to school looking their best, but for some families, the cost of uniforms is beyond their meager budgets. Sixty-five students at Maximo Elementary School in St. Petersburg, Florida, are homeless, and others come from families that struggle to provide the basics.

The generous viewers of ABC Action News, a Scripps-owned station in Tampa, came to the aid of these families, donating $8,000 to buy children brand new uniforms.

The fundraiser is part of the station’s ABC Action News Gives initiative with the Scripps Howard Fund. When the station hears about people struggling in their community, it works with the Fund to raise money for local non-profits to make a difference. ABC Action News Gives has raised $30,000 through five fundraisers since its launch last year.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: Ashley Jaeger

For the last 10 years, Ashley Jaeger has volunteered her time at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Great Falls, Montana. She works in the back office, organizes calendars, schedules tours and photographs their events.

This year, she was able to give back even more by presenting the Center with a $2,500 check.

Jaeger, a studio tech at KRTV, applied for and received two $1,250 employee volunteer grants through the Scripps Howard Fund.

"Being a part of the US Forest Service, the Lewis and Clark Center sometimes struggles to make improvements. I wanted to get this extra funding for the Center’s education and outreach programs to better our community and tell the history and story of Lewis and Clark," Jaeger said.

Volunteer and matching grants are available to employees of The E.W. Scripps Company who donate their time and money to causes and organizations important to them.
Mark your calendars for the 70th Scripps Howard Awards airing Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. EST on Scripps News.

This two-hour special will honor the best journalism from 2022, including in-depth investigative reporting that spurred change and multimedia reporting that captured the year’s moments – big and small.

SEE THIS YEAR’S FINALISTS