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Long Term Hope For A Better Future

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Welcome To Bookfriends International, NFP

Who We Are and What We Do

In early 2004 we took a vacation trip to Tanzania that turned into something much more than we expected. An afternoon at a secondary school in northern Tanzania changed our lives forever. While touring the school building, we saw lots of kids but very few books. The shelves in the library were nearly bare and few books were seen in the classrooms. One of the teachers said, "Yes, we don't have many books. They are just too expensive."



We knew that there had to be something we could do to help. Since

then, we have "walked the path" and have developed an organization that is able to accomplish the important mission of providing building blocks for education in Africa. Growing numbers of volunteers have given of their time and energy to strengthen our long term mission. The future is bright. Please read on to learn more about what we are doing today and how you can help. You can also visit our website www.Bookfriends.org for more information. We are an IRS approved 501(c) 3 organization. All gifts are tax-deductible.

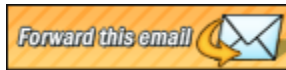
Please join with us. The need is great and urgent.

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Where Do We Get The Books

What Do We Do With Them Once We Get Them

Bookfriends has developed working relationships with middle schools, high schools and public libraries in the United States. Schools and libraries typically replace their books while they are still in relatively good condition. Books are also accepted from private donations, local book drives and publishing companies.

Volunteers collect the books where they are stored in our warehouse in Wauconda, Illinois. They are then sorted for appropriateness, processed (repair damaged copies, clean-up and label), packed and shipped to waiting students and teachers in secondary-level schools in Africa.



Fundraiser - Vernon Township Community Garage Sale

Bookfriends will be at the Vernon Township Community Garage Sale on June 5th. The sale will take place in the west parking lot of Prairie View Metra Train Station on Illinois Route 22. Sale hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bookfriends will be selling several thousand good, hard-cover and paperback books at very reasonable prices! Light refreshments will be served at our booth. Please come out and support our efforts. We look forward to seeing you there!



Books Recently Shipped To 10 Schools In Southwest Kenya

Last month 160,000+ books were loaded and sent to Kenya, East Africa. Thanks to the time and talent of the Barrington and Lake Zurich Rotary Clubs and Lake Zurich High School Jr. Rotary Club! Rotary International Club 6440 paid the freight for this container. Thank you! We also



Blessed By Our Volunteers and Donors

How You Can Help

The mission of Bookfriends can only be accomplished through the generosity of all of our donors.



Good-hearted people generously share their monetary resources to help Bookfriends with the necessary funding to cover shipping costs and other expenses including our warehouse operation. We would love to have donated warehouse space someday!

There are many ways to help. The variety of tasks include: book sorting, library book selection, book processing and packing, book pickup and transportation, book shelving/re-shelving and warehouse renovation's. We can never have too many volunteers!

If you are interested in donating books, funding or your time and talent, please [email](#) us! We thank you in advance for all that you do and would appreciate if you would pass the word on about what we are trying to do.

had the help and support of Kenyans currently living in Illinois that were raised in the villages receiving our books. What a pleasure it was to have them.

10 Schools In Morogoro, Tanzania Receive Books

Textbooks and library books have arrived and are soon to be delivered to ten secondary level schools in the central Tanzania area, Morogoro. The students teachers and villages are so excited about the books.



Donation Form



Thank You's - Our Best Reward

The best rewards we receive are the smiles on the faces of the students. Feel free to review some of the letters we have received.



Thank You's



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