

Temple Inn of Court to Collect New or Gently Used Children's Books for The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Reach Out and Read (ROR) Program and Donations for *breastcancer.org* at December Program

As part of our Inn's ongoing *pro bono* efforts, our Inn is going to collect new or gently used children's books for **The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Reach Out and Read Program** and donations for **breastcancer.org** at our December 16, 2009 Holiday Program.

Both of these organizations provide exceptional and vital services to our community:

- **The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Reach out and Read (ROR) Program** is a national pediatric early literacy program that trains primary care pediatricians and nurse practitioners to advise parents about the importance of reading aloud and to give books to children at pediatric well visits from 6 months to 5 years of age, with a special focus on children growing up in poverty. The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's ROR pediatricians and nurse practitioners reach 18,700 children (ages 6 months to 5 years) in need each year. The program relies on donations and support from schools, community groups, corporations and individuals to maintain this valuable program. In order to do the ROR intervention in the exam room during well visits, the program needs at least 25,00 *new* developmentally appropriate books for children ages 6 months to 5 years every year. Moreover, at least 20,000 appropriate *gently used* books are needed to distribute each year, so the healthcare staff can promote literacy to more children and families.
- **breastcancer.org** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing easy access to the most reliable, complete, and up-to-date information about breast cancer, to help women and their families make sense of the complex medical and personal information about breast cancer so they can make informed decisions about their lives. It is the world's most trafficked online resource for medically-reviewed breast health and breast cancer information, and helps nearly eight million individuals a year find the medical information, support and hope they need at a time when they need it most. breastcancer.org was founded by a breast cancer oncologist with twenty years of active practice in the Philadelphia region, and is based in Narberth, PA.

To facilitate our Inn's *pro bono* efforts, the Executive Committee is requesting that all Inn members:

- **Bring new or gently used children's books to the program on December 16th.** In 2009, CHOP ROR is in great need of new books for infants and toddlers (6, 9, 12, 15, 18 and 24 months old), and on an ongoing basis, needs gently used books for children ages birth to 12 years old. Guidelines and recommended titles are attached; and/or
- **Make a donation in support of breastcancer.org.** Please make checks payable to "breastcancer.org," or and bring them with you to the December Program. Breastcancer.org is a registered non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible.

Thank you for your support of these very worthy and important causes. We look forward to seeing everyone at Davio's on December 16.



DONATING BOOKS TO REACH OUT AND READ

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's (CHOP) Reach Out and Read (ROR) Sites, located in West and South Philadelphia and Burlington, NJ, truly appreciate receiving donations of children's books. Below are guidelines that were developed out of respect for families and in keeping with the philosophy of ROR – every child deserves good quality books.

NEW BOOKS

- **In order for the primary care pediatricians and nurse practitioners to do the ROR intervention in the exam room during well visits, Children's Hospital's ROR program needs at least 25,000 new, developmentally appropriate books for children ages 6 months to 5 years every year.** If you choose to purchase or collect new books, attached is a short recommended title list. ROR will accept similar new books that are not on the list. **In 2009, CHOP ROR is in great need of new books for infants and toddlers (6, 9, 12, 15, 18 and 24 months old).**

GENTLY USED BOOKS

- The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's six ROR sites accept donations of gently used books for children ages birth to 12 years old, so the healthcare staff can promote literacy to more children and families. At least 20,000 appropriate gently used books are needed to distribute each year. Used books should be gently used (covers and pages intact, clean and readable). Books with sensitive issues and/or illustrations (such as abuse, death, divorce, holidays, religion, violence, weapons) cannot be distributed at these ROR sites. Some examples are:

* <i>Arthur Babysits</i>	* <i>Bedtime for Frances</i>	* <i>Power Rangers</i>	* <i>Batman</i>
* <i>Star Wars</i>	* <i>Jurassic Park</i>	* <i>The Rescuers Down Under</i>	* <i>X-Men</i>
* <i>Rugrats</i>	* <i>Big Idea's Veggie Tales</i>	* <i>The Cat in the Hat Comes Back</i>	
* <i>Goosebumps (and other titles by R.L. Stine)</i>		* <i>There's a Nightmare in my Closet</i>	
* <i>Just Me and My Brother by Mercer Mayer</i>			

DELIVERING BOOKS

- CHOP ROR has no pick-up service and is unable to pay for mailing/shipping and handling cost. If you would like to mail books to a ROR site, please contact the ROR coordinator at 215-590-5989 to receive the appropriate shipping address.
- **When you are about ready to deliver the children's books for CHOP ROR, please contact the ROR coordinator at 215-590-5989 -- at least 1 to 2 weeks in advance please -- to discuss how many boxes/bags you plan to deliver and to determine the delivery location. Depending on the size of your donation, the drop off destination will vary. Please mark the box/bag of books with "Reach Out and Read." Books for CHOP ROR cannot be delivered to 34th Street and Civic Center Blvd. (the hospital's main campus).**

The ROR coordinator can mail a thank you letter to the donor(s). Please call 215-590-5989 and give the ROR coordinator the donor's contact information -- name(s) and mailing address(es).

Thank you for your generous commitment to The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Reach Out and Read program and for making books part of a healthy childhood!



SOME RECOMMENDED TITLES
Reach Out and Read of The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

TITLE	AUTHOR/PUBLISHER
**Baby Faces/I Love Colors/What's on my Head?	Margaret Miller/LITTLE SIMON (Simon & Schuster)
**Pretty Brown Face	Andrea Pinkney/Red Wagon Books (Harcourt)
**Good Morning Baby **Baby Faces **Touch and Feel: Reptiles/ Farm Animals/123	FUNFAX/DK Publishing (Covent Garden Books)
**Natural Baby Books (Play, Sleep, Eat, & Splash)	St. Martin's Press by priddy books
**Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? **Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?	Bill Martin Jr./Eric Carle/ Henry Holt and Company
**Goodnight Moon	Margaret Wise Brown
**The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle
**Good Night, Gorilla	Peggy Rathman/Scholastic
**I Spy Board Books (Little Book/ Little Wheels)	Jean Marzollo, Walter Wick/Scholastic
**Blue Hat, Green Hat/Opposites/A to Z/, ...	Sandra Boynton/Little Simon (Simon & Schuster)
**Dr. Seuss Board Books (ABC, The Foot Book, ...)	Dr. Seuss/Random House
**Dinosaur Roar!	Paul & Henrietta Stickland/Scholastic
**The Everything Book	Denise Fleming/Henry Holt and Company
**Good Night Philadelphia	Adam Gamble & Cooper Kelly/Our World of Books
**Ten, Nine, Eight	Molly Bang/Scholastic
**My Fuzzy Farm/Safari Babies/Friends	Tad Hills/Little Simon (Simon & Schuster)
Where's Spot (lift the flap)?	Eric Hill/Puffin
If You Give a Pig a Pancake	Laura Joffe Numeroff/Scholastic
Growing Vegetable Soup	Lois Ehlert/Voyager Books /Harcourt
The Car Washing Street	Denise Lewis Patrick/William Morrow
Bein' with You This Way	W. Nikola-Lisa/Lee & Low Books, Inc.
Do Like Kyla	Angela Johnson/Scholastic
Book! Book! Book!	Deborah Bruss/ Scholastic
A Book of Hugs	Dave Ross/Harper Trophy (Harper Collins)
Abiyoyo	Pete Seeger/Scholastic
Sometimes I Feel Like a Mouse	Jeanne Modesitt/Scholastic
Wild, Wild Hair	Nikki Grimes/Scholastic
Jamaica Tag-Along	Juanita Havill/Houghton Mifflin
Allie's Basketball Dream	Barbara E. Barber/Lee & Low Books
Annie's Gifts	Angela Shelf Medearis/Just Us Books, Inc.
Road Builders	B.G. Hennessy/Puffin (Penguin Group)
Max's Letter	Ken Wilson-Max/Hyperion

****CHOP ROR prefers the board book version.**

For more information, please call 215-590-5989.