

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

From Harford County Education Foundation

Give the Gift that Lasts a Lifetime



Dear Friend of Education,

As we enter our 20th year of service to the children and families of Harford County, we are filled with gratitude for the incredible impact we have made together. Thanks to your generosity and unwavering belief in the potential of every child, we have been able to provide vital resources that remove barriers to learning and enhance educational opportunities for all.

During this holiday season, our focus turns to the thousands of preschool children living in low-income homes who could greatly benefit from our support in building their own personal libraries. The joy of owning a book as a child is a truly special and transformative experience. It goes beyond mere possession; it becomes a cherished item that fosters a deep connection with the characters, stories, and the physical book itself.

Do you have a book from your own childhood that holds a special place in your heart? There is nothing quite like the wonder of sharing a beloved book with your own children. The moments of snuggling, laughter, and pure excitement create lasting memories that are truly priceless. By providing children with the opportunity to own books, we are not only creating these precious bonding moments but also making a profound impact on their educational and personal development.

Research consistently shows that access to a variety of books at home is strongly linked to academic success. Regardless of how many books a family may already have, each addition to their home library helps children thrive. A book-filled home fosters a culture of reading for enjoyment and encourages conversations about books, which in turn nurtures a lifelong love for learning.

Your continued support and belief in the power of education have allowed us to make a difference in the lives of countless children. Together, we can ensure that every child in Harford County has the tools they need to achieve greatness.

***We thank you for your past, present, and future support and wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday season!***

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DM'.

Debora Gavin Merlock  
Founder and President  
Harford County Education Foundation



***"We love this program!  
We are reading book  
selections we never would  
have. With each book we  
receive, it continues to  
enhance my grandson's  
love of books and reading.  
Thank you!"***



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