

TALE Community Involvement Committee

Making a Difference

The TALE Community Involvement Committee was abuzz with activity this past spring and into the summer.

Through our Growing Readers Project, book donations from schools and conferences, HEB, and Half Price Books were made available to children and families that might not otherwise have access to reading materials.

In February, members paid a visit to the Children's Hospital of San Antonio to drop off a crate of books for children to read or be read to during their stay. Literacy pamphlets were provided for parents as well. The Children's Hospital of San Antonio provides crucial medical services to more than 150,000 children across Central and South Texas. A follow-up date will be set in the fall to supply the hospital with additional resources.

A Literacy Night was held at Magdalena House in May. Magdalena House is a transitional home in San Antonio that serves mothers and children who have fled dangerous or abusive situations. Residents were enthralled by the story, The Lazy Ladybug, and were

actively engaged in the variety of activities that followed. Smiles were evident on the children's faces as they received goodie bags and cupcakes at the end of the evening. The night was such a huge success that the committee was invited back in the fall.

Partnering with Catholic Charities, the committee helped provide a beautiful Little Free Library brimming with books to the Auburn Creek apartment complex. The apartments house several refugee children in San Antonio. The ribbon cutting ceremony and blessing was held on June 20, World Refugee Day. Committee members present watched in awe as the children excitedly picked out books and found a spot near the library to immediately start reading. Books in the Little Free Library will be replenished on a regular basis.

The TALE Community Involvement Committee looks forward to many more opportunities to Spread Random Acts of Literacy!



