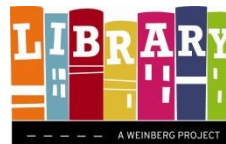




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Baltimore Library Project Book Drive Raises More Than \$18,000 **Donations will provide nearly 2,400 new books for next renovated school library**

BALTIMORE (April 12, 2018) – The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, one of the largest private foundations in the United States, today announced the results of the 7th annual community-wide Book Drive in support of the Baltimore Elementary and Middle School Library Project.

This year, more than \$18,000 was collected through online and cash donations that will be used to purchase nearly 2,400 brand new, hardcover children's books for this year's soon-to-be renovated school library at James McHenry Elementary/Middle School. The Weinberg Foundation has committed \$10 million, of the total \$30 million investment by all project partners, to build or transform up to 24 Baltimore City Public School libraries in an effort to strengthen academic achievement among students.

The Baltimore Library Project is a multi-year, collaborative effort to design, build, equip, and staff new or renovated elementary/middle school libraries in selected schools where existing funds can be leveraged. To date, the Foundation and its more than 30 partners have completed 14 of these new spaces serving more than 6,000 students and their families.

To stay up-to-date on all Library Project Book Drive developments, visit www.baltimorelibraryproject.org, and follow #libraryproject on Facebook and Twitter.

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The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, one of the largest private charitable foundations in the United States, provides approximately \$100 million in annual grants to nonprofits that provide direct services to low-income and vulnerable individuals and families, primarily in the United States and Israel. Grants are focused on meeting basic needs and enhancing an individual's ability to meet those needs with emphasis on older adults, the Jewish community, and the Foundation's priority communities of Maryland, Northeastern Pennsylvania, Hawaii, Chicago, New York City, San Francisco, rural communities in the United States, and the State of Israel. The trustees, some of whom also serve as executive officers of the Foundation, are Chair Robert T. Kelly, Jr., Donn Weinberg, Alvin Awaya, Fay Hartog-Levin, and Paula B. Pretlow. Rachel Garbow Monroe serves as the Weinberg Foundation's President and Chief Executive Officer. For more information, please visit www.hjweinbergfoundation.org.