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BALTIMORE LIBRARY PROJECT BOOK DRIVE COLLECTS MORE THAN 13,000 BOOKS

BALTIMORE (June 12, 2013) – The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation today announced the results of the Library Project's 2nd Annual Community-Wide Book Drive. The Weinberg Foundation and Heart of America coordinated with more than 40 organizations, and the response once again was overwhelming resulting in the collection of more than **13,000 new and gently used books**.

New books will go directly to this year's renovated Baltimore City School libraries, and gently used books will support Baltimore Reads. This year's Book Drive also included an online donation, accessible from the Baltimore Library Project website (www.baltimorelibraryproject.org).

With the start of May, demolition began at The Historic Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School and at Arlington Elementary/Middle School where this year's grand openings will be officially celebrated on Monday, September 23. Henderson-Hopkins School in East Baltimore, the third school included as part of this year's phase of the Library Project, will open later this fall. Please look for more details and updates in the months ahead.

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About The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

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 U.S. 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 our hometown communities of Maryland, Northeastern Pennsylvania, and Hawaii. The trustees, some of whom also serve as executive officers of the Foundation, are Donn Weinberg, Barry I. Schloss, Robert T. Kelly, Jr., Alvin Awaya, and Chair Ellen M. Heller. Rachel Garbow Monroe serves as the Weinberg Foundation's President. For more information, please go to www.hjweinbergfoundation.org.