

THE BOOK HOUSE

It was rather overcast the day we went to the mobile home park in the next town over, but the bright colors on the mini house built as a home for books for this little community made us not really pay much attention to the occasional drop of rain. The good natures of those who had helped build the book house (who did such a fantastic job) and were installing it made for a fun time. Getting to fill this new library with books that had been donated to The Book Drop branch of The Encouragement Project was an absolute joy.

One of the new outreaches from our local church is aiming to build relationships with people in lower income situations, and those in need here where we live. It is quite surprising how many nearby neighbors we have in these circumstances. As part of this mission, a group from the church heads out once a month to provide a free cookout, clothes and toys and such, and games and conversations for the residents of several mobile home parks close by. It is really a great effort, and, after hearing some comments from our new friends, a real blessing — for all involved.

With the desire of The Project to do what we can to help where there is a need, we made the decision to donate the cost of several book houses for these neighborhoods, so the children especially would have more access to reading materials. It's just another connection from the church to the people. Some of the books that you all have donated to The Book Drop are now happily housed in one of these little boxes, ready to be borrowed and read. A second book house will be installed at the next outreach at another mobile home park in April.

I've heard so many times from people all over that they often feel like they don't have the abilities to do much to help people and affect their lives. That perspective has always bothered me, which is one reason The Encouragement Project was created. God has given each of us exactly what we need to impact the lives of those around us. It is really up to us to actually put these gifts to use. The opportunities are there! To get this job done, we had builders and painters and willing helping hands and givers of funds and donaters of books. Everyone is needed and can be a very special part of what God is doing where you are. Won't you join in?



There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6



THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP...

There are many ways to help and be involved in The Encouragement Project! We would like to invite you to consider joining us in any number of these ways:

YOU CAN GET INVOLVED...

Hugs and Kisses — If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, we would love to encourage you to make hats and scarves for those in need. Will you join us?! We also need donations of yarn, and funds for these supplies.

The Book Drop — If you have any gently used or new children's books that you would like to share with little ones who have few (if any) books of their own, we would love to accept the donation and make sure they get into the hands of those who need them, and who would love to read and treasure them!

The Prayer Circle — Do you have a heart for prayer? Live in the Atlanta area? Come join us on Friday mornings for a time of prayer.

Like to fundraise? — Would you be willing to donate some time to help us in this much needed area? Any help, suggestions, connections, and advice would be greatly appreciated!

YOU CAN SUPPORT THE PROJECT...

Prayer — We cannot do anything without God's guidance and action... and we wouldn't even want to try. Prayer is essential to this effort and ministry, and bringing The Encouragement Project to the Lord is the best support we can have. Would you be willing to pray for this Project? We would love to have you join with us in this.

Monthly financial gifts — As we continue to see the Project grow beyond what we could ever have imagined, the need for financial support becomes more urgent. The more we have to work with, the more we can do to help, serve, and bless others. Your help is needed! If you feel led to contribute, it would be an incredible help.

Encouragement — Has God used The Encouragement Project to inspire you to find ways to use your gifts and abilities to help others? We would love to hear your stories! It encourages us to hear from you!



THE PRAYER CIRCLE

We have a small group that meets each Friday morning to pray. If you have any requests we could pray about with/for you, please let us know. You are also very welcome to join with us if you feel led.

THE ENCOURAGEMENT PROJECT

is run solely with the financial gifts and donations of those of you who are interested in helping and encouraging others through this ministry. Gifts of any amount are helpful, and go toward seeing believers encouraged, and those in need helped. We greatly appreciate your willingness to be a part of this team. Would you join us monthly at the...

\$10 ~ *ground level* ~

\$25 ~ *creative level*

\$50 ~ *encouragement level* ~
other amount

Checks made payable to "The Encouragement Project" can be mailed to:

The Encouragement Project
PO Box 452
Alpharetta, GA 30009

If you prefer to set up a recurring monthly gift, please let us know and we will send you the banking information.

The Encouragement Project is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All gifts are tax deductible.

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Joel 2:29

CONTACT US... WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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