



Fall, 2000

Dear Friends of Children's Literature for Children,

Welcome again to our annual Pajama Party! This year we are pleased to honor Governor Roy Barnes for his continuing commitment to quality education for the children of Georgia.

And what a simple, "affordable" fundraising event we have!

No driving, no tux, just bedtime attire

At home with a child, a book, and a fire!* (*fire optional)

All of your donations are tax deductible. Your money buys books and program materials and pays occasional shipping charges. Additionally in year 2000, we committed funds for new brochures (if you would like one, please call me at 404-237-7233) and revamping our Web site:

www.childrensliterature.com or www.childrensliterature.org

Children's Literature for Children (CLC) operational costs are kept to a minimum because CLC and its programs are directed and executed by volunteers who work out of their homes. Our volunteers read to children in hospitals and schools, and organize book collections to create and support children's libraries. We bring books to children who have few resources of their own.

I wish I could share with you the names of every CLC volunteer who has made a better world for a child this year...but that letter would be pages long! Instead, I have asked the following directors to report a few CLC 2000 highlights:

Kemie Nix (CLC's founder, board chairman, and inspirational leader) Completely dedicated to bringing books and children together, Kemie spent countless hours linking book donors with schools in need of books, teaching children at Campbell and Slater Schools, writing and speaking about children's literature, and serving on the 2000 Newbery Committee--selecting *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Curtis: "This year, Reader-to-Reader Rosebud sent books to all eleven elementary schools on The Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. One of my dearest friends who grew up in South Dakota got tears in her eyes when we began talking about the Rosebud Reservation because these Indians are so wretchedly poor."

"Reader-to-Reader Kenya continues to grow; more than 65 government primary schools started libraries through our help. Also, Atlanta's Laurel Heights Psychiatric Hospital incarcerated teenage boys received carefully selected books."

Judy Grimes (Director Reader-to-Patient Program): "On September 7, 2000, the Reader-to-Patient program officially began in Jackson, Mississippi at the Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital ...there are four volunteers; two hundred new books have been placed in the hospital."

Bonnie Bennett (Scottish Rite campus of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta): "We currently have 13 active volunteers; we are fortunate in that almost every area of the hospital is open to us for reading." Donations to RTP in memory of volunteer Bobbi Stewart provide a financial reserve.

Patty Dash (Director Reader-to-Reader Caribbean) previously established the first children's library on Petite Martinique. This year Patty sent children's books to a second Grenada school "which is actually on the main island of Grenada."