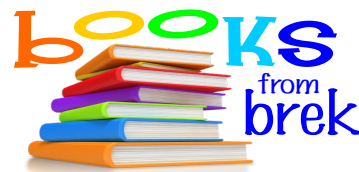


# Books from Brek

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***“Access to books and the encouragement of the habit of reading: these two things are the first and most necessary steps in education and librarians, teachers and parents all over the country know it. It is our children’s right and it is also our best hope and their best hope for the future.- Michael Morpurgo***

### Books from Brek Foundation

The “Books from Brek” Nonprofit was established in March, 2016 to celebrate the life of Brek Thomas Neiswender.

Brek loved turning the pages of his books and having someone read to him. We hope that this can further the love of reading in many young children. His life lives on through the smiles and joy of others.

### Upcoming Events

Creation of a Books From Brek website

Keeping our donors informed of our successes

Consider expanding our services to other agencies

### Collecting and Purchasing Books

Over 775 books have been donated to date. Many are newly purchased books, but some are gently used. Books will be purchased with a goal of delivering books bags four times a year to the Crisis Nursery Center in Urbana, IL during the first year. Books will be purchased through wholesale book companies.



### Our First Distribution

On October 2, 155 book bags with 5 books were given to the Crisis Nursery Center in Urbana, IL. The books were leveled appropriate to the ages of the children. The Crisis Nursery creates an “island of safety” dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect by providing 24-hour emergency care for children and support to strengthen families in crisis. Crisis Nursery is the only emergency-based child care facility open 24 hours, 365 days a year for the entire community to access with no fees or income eligibility. It focuses on children birth to age six.

### Celebrations

Special thanks to our wonderful friends and family who have enabled Books From Brek to get off the ground.

Jessica McCann, Program Coordinator at the Crisis Nursery Center shared the following story: “Seven moms at my support group last night received age appropriate books for their children who might not otherwise be able to afford new books like this. This gave them a boost in confidence being able to provide an educational piece for their child. One mom, who is expecting, found a renewed joy in receiving books for her new baby. How neat we are fostering reading to her baby before the baby arrives.”



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