

# HURRICANE ACT

## Helping Galveston ISD Students to Recovery

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*"Thank you for all your hard work and efforts to help our students here in Galveston. You have made a real difference in many children's lives."*

*—Julie Schmid,  
Executive Director  
Galveston ISD Educational Foundation  
January 5, 2009*

### Helping Galveston Students after Ike

by Sharon Li

My family and I have been collecting books and jackets from our schools, Massey Ranch Elementary, Rogers Middle School, Berry Miller Junior High, and The Learning Skool-House After-school.

them into our family minivan, with barely enough space for us to sit down, we took off to Galveston. At Parker Elementary, we unloaded. Box by box we carried them into the building and put them in the library.

mentary combined because Burnet is closed due to Ike. Mrs. Croft told us in her email earlier that she would appreciate it if we would collect one book for each of the 200 special tutoring students.

After recording all the items and packing them into boxes, we found that we have received 8 boxes of jackets and clothes and 8 boxes of more than 600 books! We piled up

"You have collected so many books that we can give one to each student!", Mrs. Croft said to us excitedly. There are total 650 students from Parker and Burnet Ele-

Ms. Ferguson was also delighted to see the loads of jackets and other clothes. She only hoped to get 20 jackets for the students who definitely needed warm clothes for the cold winter.



Front (left to right): Eric, Sharon, and Grace; Back (left to right): Ms. Ferguson and Mrs. Croft.

### Going Global! by Grace Li

Houston, Texas... Potomac, Maryland... Jishou, Hunan, China. Hurricane Act has gone global! It now has branches in 2 different states and even on another continent!

of Hurricane Ike, they were eager to help. Daniel and Joshua Yuan of Potomac, Maryland even made their own flyer to distribute!

in, too! So Muyun printed our flyer, and talked to her friends, and raised money for the hurricane victims.

How, did this happen, you ask? Simple. Well, once our friends got wind of the fact that we were trying to help the victims

When we called up Huang Muyun, our cousin, a college freshman in Jishou University, Hunan, China, and told her what we were doing, she wanted to join

Wow! Now Hurricane Act stretches to all four corners of the Earth!

Now, about that fifth one...

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## Talent Show to Help Hurricane Victims by Sharon Li

*“Christmas is not just about getting presents for themselves, but also giving to others.”*

—Ms. Sarah Sim

On December 12, 2008, we went to the Learning Skool House Afterschool, since Ms. Sarah had dedicated the school's annual talent show to Hurricane Act to help the hurricane victims in Galveston. When we went there, we waited until all the performers were done, then we went up and told the kids and parents what we were planning to do. We showed them our poster and the boxes where they could donate. Ms. Sarah encouraged students and parents to help the victims by donating.

After the talent show, we collected our first book of *The Secret Life of Bees*. When Eric first saw the book, he took it gently, turned it around four times, and declared "This is a treasure, and I have to take very good care of it". We also collected jackets and clothes, other books, and check donations towards the book fund.



The Learning Skool-House Afterschool dedicated its annual talent show to help Galveston students



Ms. Sarah invited Grace, Sharon, and Eric to give a presentation to students and parents

### Photo Gallery—students and teachers at Parker/Burnet Elementary enjoy the gifts for students



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## My Class in Action by Eric Li

Donations sent to Parker/  
Burnet Elementary on Dec  
17, 2008

*"I have families with big hearts, and it is a great feeling to know that I am surrounded by such goodness every-day in being with your children."*

—Ms. Hernandez



When I walked into the classroom on Wednesday morning, "Wow, so many boxes!" I said in my mind. I was so surprised that we had so many boxes of donated books and jackets. Many people in my class brought in books, jackets, clothes, or checks.

Then Ms. Hernandez called us for a picture. It took us three minutes for everybody to get into the right position. I am so proud of my class.

Box	Items	# of items
1	Books	87
2	Books	120
3	Books	40
4	Books	70
5	Books	48
6,7,8	Books, estimate	240-360
	<b>Total Books</b>	<b>605-725</b>
9	Jackets & pants	19 & 6
10	Jackets & pants &	16
11	Jackets	12 (new)
12	Jackets, scarves,	8, 1, 3, 1
13	Jackets & clothes	11 & 5
14	Pants, polo shirts,	14, 4, 1, 1
15	Jackets	~10
16	Shoes & belts	21 & 7
	<b>Total Clothes</b>	<b>131</b>

## Photo Gallery—Collecting and delivering the donations



Eric at Office Depot



Sharon with piles of donated books



Grace and Ms. Bridges in the library at Berry Miller.



Sorting...



Loading...



Unloading...



Finally here...

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## Global Actions to Raise Book Funds

by Grace Li



Joshua (left) & Daniel (right) Yuan of Potosomac, Maryland, made their own flyer to collect donations.

Joshua celebrated his 10th birthday by inviting a few close friends, and he told his friends that "Birthday gifts are not allowed, but donation to the hurricane victims are welcome". Joshua would like to thank Timothy Zhou for his generous donation.

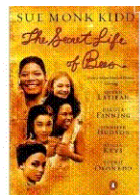
"We lost all of our band instruments...books in the library..., I have a teacher who is trying to get a class set of at least 36 books. The title is *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd. We certainly would appreciate it if you could help us with those books."

— Connie Hebert, (Principal of Central Middle School, Galveston ISD), December 4, 2008



Huang Muyun, freshman at Jishou University, Hunan, China,

collected funds toward purchasing books for students in Central Middle School in Galveston. Muyun would like to thank her family and her friend Yao Mu for their generous donations.



We have collected enough money to buy 36 books of *The Secret Life of Bees* from Amazon.com, and one person even donated the book we needed! That's 37 total!

The book and monetary donations were sent on January 5, 2009.

"We really appreciate your hard work, and your children have big hearts. We send our love!!!!!"

—Ms. Hebert, January 5, 2009

Collected donations for book fund

Name	Donation amount (\$)
Lynn Ripley	100.00
Melanie Hall	25.00
Linda Brencce	9.39
Robert & Hui Mayer	20.00
Leile Jun/Luliang Liu	10.00
Bookmark sale	20.00
Joshua & Daniel Yuan & Timothy Zhou	40.00
Huang Muyun & Yao Mu (350 Chinese Yuan)	52.00
Rogers	2.00
Yi Li	30.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>309.24</b>

## Editors' Note

by Grace & Sharon Li

### Happy New Year and a giant thank you to:

All our generous donors:

- Students
- Parents
- Friends
- Neighbors

Berry Miller Junior High

- Mrs. Bridges
- Mr. Leal
- Mrs. Cottenoir

Rogers Middle School

- Mrs. Bischof
- Mrs. Christensen

Massey Ranch Elementary

- Ms. Hernandez
- Mrs. Block

The Learning Skool-House

- Mrs. Sarah Sim

Everyone who helped us in Galveston:

-Principals

- Ms. Hebert of Central Middle School
- Mr. Bouldin of Parker Elementary
- Ms. Wiley of Burnet Elementary

-Librarians

- Mrs. Croft of Parker Elementary
- Ms. Worsham of Burnet Elementary

-Ms. Ferguson, Social Worker of GISD

-Ms. Schmid, Executive Director of GISD Educational Foundation

Special thanks to Mrs. Croft and Ms. Ferguson who waited for us for a long time after dark while we were stuck in the traffic delivering our donation to Parker/Burnet Elementary.

Thank you so much, everyone! Without your help and encouragement, we would not have been able to accomplish so much.