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A Unique Lesson In Giving

(NAPSA)—A national survey shows that kids who volunteer their time develop an invaluable sense of compassion towards others and a deeper understanding of the world around them. Giving also helps them feel better about themselves and shapes their attitude to lifelong volunteerism.



One opportunity is a program run by Scholastic Book Clubs called ClassroomsCare. For the third year in a row, kids get to read books in their classrooms, and for every 100 they read, the club donates 100 books-for a total donation of two million books—to underprivileged kids who cannot afford to buy books. The books are given to four different charity partners, First Book®, the "I Have a Dream" Foundation®, Reach Out and Read® and Save The Children® Last year, over 1.5 million students took part in this extraordinary giving-by-reading program and millions of children got to own their first book. A Florida second grade teacher captured the spirit by proclaiming "my students felt so proud knowing that by reading they could share their love of books with others."

For more information about the ClassroomsCare program, visit www.scholastic.com/classroomscare or talk to your child's teacher. Experts say it is never too early to learn about giving to others.