



Connie Rosenberry, Jackie Volk, Audrey Gonet, Rachel Young, and Amy Henson
at Isaiah 117 House

Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL) recently presented forty-five new books to Isaiah 117 House. These books were purchased and donated through FOUCL with the generous financial support of locally owned Rick's Rental. The photo here includes FOUCL representatives Connie Rosenberry and Jackie Volk (who coordinated with Isaiah 117 House in researching appropriate titles to purchase); Audrey Gonet and Rachel Young from Isaiah 117 House; and Amy Henson representing Rick's Rental.

Union County's Isaiah 117 House recently opened and has begun to house children during that tough period when they have been removed from a bad situation but haven't yet been placed in a foster home. The House also serves as a safe meeting place for parents and children under foster care. It is a welcoming environment for children in a stressful situation. Even the artwork was chosen to promote a feeling of nurturing. For example, one plaque in the kitchen reads: In this kitchen we lick the spoon.

FerstReaders stepped up to donate books for young children from ages 1 to 5 and FOUCL was pleased to be able to supply books appropriate for ages 6 to 18. Most of the books FOUCL has provided will be given to the children to keep, with 6 becoming part of a permanent library to stay at the house. FOUCL plans to replenish and add to these books in the future.

FOUCL is very grateful for help from Rick's Rental for this initial purchase. This family-owned business is located at 1363 Murphy Hwy, Blairsville. The owners are Jason and Amy Henson, along with sons Alex and Will. Rick's Rental is the largest equipment rental company in the tri-state area (North Georgia, Western North Carolina, and Eastern Tennessee). They provide quality and reliable equipment along with knowledgeable and friendly staff, with quick delivery and service to individuals and contractors.

Amy Henson indicated they were happy to contribute to this project because she has always loved libraries and reading. Her eighteen-year-old son, Alex, enjoyed the Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan and the family recommended that one of the titles purchased for the House be from his Olympians series. The first in that series, "The Lightning Thief," was among those selected for purchase. Other books selected included classics like Dr. Seuss's "Horton Hears a Who," "Amelia Bedelia" by Peggy Parish, and "Charlotte's Web" by EB White.

FOUCL hopes these books provide comfort and pride of ownership to the children and youth who come to stay for a brief time at Isaiah 117 House.



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