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NEWSLETTER of SHELTERING ARMS SUMMER 2009

Operation StoryBook Kicks Off 4th Year!

SHELTERING ARMS IS EXCITED to announce the kickoff of **Operation StoryBook 2009-2010**.

Operation StoryBook is Sheltering Arms' special event fundraiser and year-round literacy initiative aimed at putting a new book a month into the hands of all 2300 children we serve on a daily basis. **Operation StoryBook** began in 2006 as a way to help our children get a leg-up in learning through the cultivation of a love of reading. Studies show that 90% of a child's brain develops by the age of five. We also know that the great majority of low-income families do not have age-appropriate reading materials in the home. This makes a program like **Operation StoryBook** so important! We hope you will join us in helping make this year's festivities a great success.

Our week kicks off on Wednesday, September 9 with our CockTales & Legends reception where The Lovett School will be given our Legends Award (see sidebar). Thursday the 10th is United Way Volunteer Day at Sheltering Arms. United Way supporters will take part in a book drive and be in our centers reading and doing crafts with the children.

Congratulations to The Lovett School

Sheltering Arms is proud to announce that the 2009 LEGENDS AWARD will be presented to The Lovett School for their years of service and dedication to the children we serve.

The School and Sheltering Arms share a history dating back more than forty years. Beginning in the late 1960s, Lovett students prepared "stockings" to give to the children of Sheltering Arms each December. This tradition grew into the "Books and Bears" program that continues to benefit our children each year during the holidays. Today The Lovett School is still the single largest contributor to this program. In addition, Lovett students also visit many of our centers each year to take part in community service projects. We are grateful for the support we receive from this wonderful partner!

Sheltering Arms' LEGENDS AWARD was created to honor individuals or institutions who have carried on the legacy of our Founding Mothers through visionary leadership, passionate commitment, and substantive contributions to the work of Sheltering Arms.

The Lovett School is an independent, college preparatory school founded in 1926 that today serves over 1500 students.

"THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SHELTERING ARMS!"



The centerpiece of **Operation StoryBook** will take place on Friday, September the 11th. Our annual Read-A-Thon that day will be held in all 17 Sheltering Arms centers. Corporate and community volunteers, VIPs, and professional storytellers will share stories with our infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Each of you is invited to take part in this day! Contact Jason Lowery at 404-523-9865 or jlowery@shelteringarmsforkids.com to participate.

This year's **Operation StoryBook** title is *The Archer and the Sun* by local Atlanta author Rob Cleveland. Each of our children will receive a copy of this Chinese folktale about how an archer makes the sun set and a lion, rabbit, and rooster try to make it rise again. The children will be doing activities related to the book throughout the week, and the centers will be decorated with book illustrations. Published locally by August House, *The Archer and the Sun* is available in an animated version at www.storycove.com.

Target returns this year as the presenting sponsor of **Operation StoryBook**. Everyone at Sheltering Arms thanks Target and all our sponsors for making this event possible.

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR



Sheltering Arms

Saturday and Sunday, September 5 and 6

Sheltering Arms at the Decatur Book Festival

This year, Sheltering Arms is a Bronze Sponsor of the Decatur Book Festival. Stop by our booth (#114) on Saturday and Sunday, September 5 and 6 near the Children's Stage.

Sheltering Arms is also partnering with Better World Books (www.betterworldbooks.com) to conduct a book drive with proceeds benefiting our children. You can bring new or gently used book to the festival (or purchase them there!) Bins will be located throughout the festival.

Friday, September 11

Operation StoryBook

Read-A-Thon Day at all 17 Sheltering Arms Centers

Go to www.shelteringarmsforkids.com and click on the "Operation StoryBook" logo to volunteer or call Jason at 404-523-9865.

Sunday, September 20

Sheltering Arms Day at the Falcons Game

Join Sheltering Arms at Falcons Landing prior to kick-off!

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- Read the Latest Sheltering Arms News ■ Download Our Latest Annual Report ■ Apply for Employment
- Link to Resources for Families and Children ■ Contact Us to Receive Our Monthly E-Newsletter ■ Contact Your Neighborhood Sheltering Arms

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SHELTERING ARMS empowers families and strengthens communities by providing:

- High quality, affordable early education and child care
- Comprehensive support services for families
- Community building partnerships and services
- Professional development for Georgia's early childhood and family support professionals



Sheltering Arms serves 3,600 children and their families each year in 17 early education centers. All children are welcome, regardless of their family's income. Sheltering Arms is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization funded in part by United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, Head Start, and the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning.

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