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JTHS-MIAMI book drive collects, delivers 1,200 books for at-risk students, seniors

JTHS-MIAMI leader Phyllis Choy recently led a book drive where she collected 1,200 books from Realtors, neighbors, friends and more and delivered them to at-risk students at two area schools and one senior center. The second-annual book drive is another example of how REALTORS are uplifting our community.

On June 16, Realtors from JTHS-MIAMI delivered books to at-risk children at Thelma Pittman Preschool and the Edna W. Runner Tutorial Center in Jupiter.

On June 26 more than 600 books and eight tablets were collected from Realtors, neighbors, friends and family for the seniors at the Drexel Public Housing Development in West Palm Beach.

Phyllis Choy: Inspired to make a difference in young people's lives

Choy, a Realtor for more than 25 years, came up with the idea during the pandemic when she felt helpless to make a difference.

In 2021, Choy saw a need in the western corridor of Palm Beach County where distance creates a roadblock for underprivileged children to get to a library. She also knows how important it is for children to read in the summer. Now in its second year, Choy collected even more books. All told, Choy's book drive has collected and delivered 2,300 books in the last two years.

Benefitting three local organizations

In 2022, the book drive donated to these needy organizations:

1. Edna Runner Tutorial in Jupiter is an afterschool, spring break and summer camp program for at-risk children in Jupiter. Many of the students use grant money to attend.

2. Drexel House Apartments in West Palm Beach offers income-based rent derived from 30% of the adjusted gross household income.

3. Thelma Pittman Preschool offers an affordable early childhood education program.

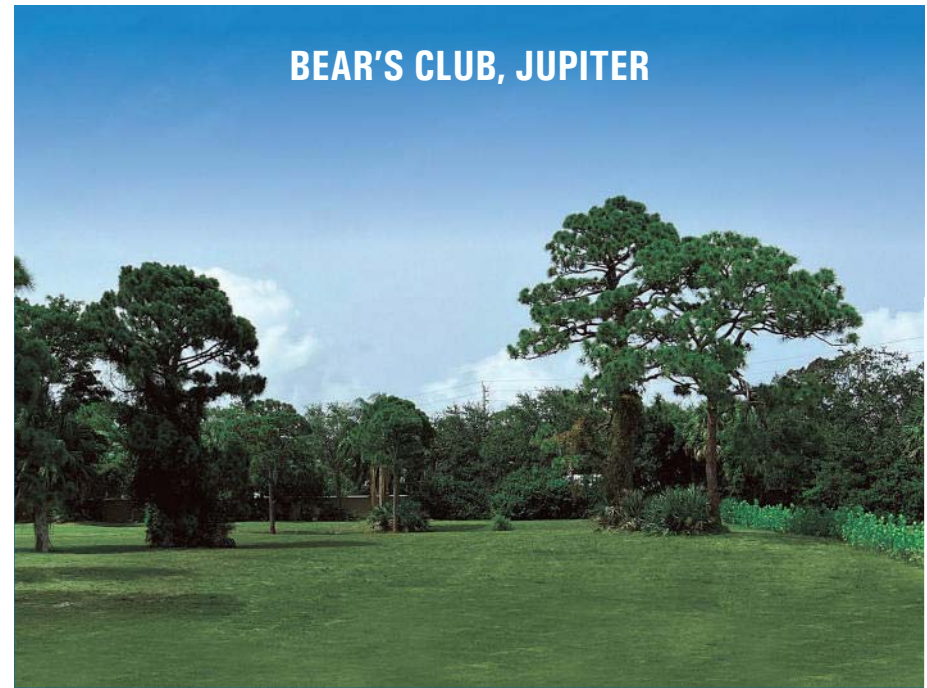
Since Choy dropped off the books, she continues to receive more donations. A sign of how much Realtors want to help the South Florida community.

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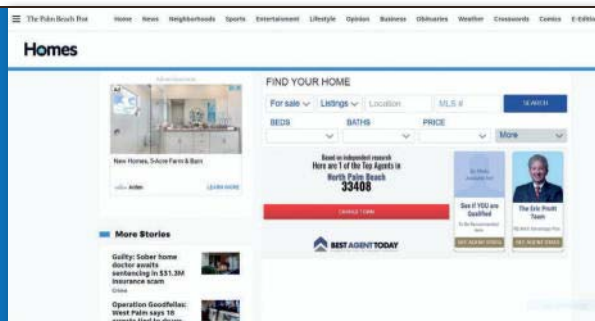
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