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UNESCO Center's Book Drive Exceeds Expectations

May 4, 2018, STRATFORD .- During the entire month of April, about a dozen volunteers have crisscrossed the Fairfield County to help UNESCO Center for Global Friendship, Inc.(UCGF) with its spring book drive.

Their efforts have paid off as they have collected twice the number of books that they expected their initiative would net.

“We have received 6,000 English, Spanish and French books during our month-long campaign for our literacy programs that support free community and school libraries in Haiti, Jamaica and Nicaragua,” reports an exuberant Angelucci Manigat, Jr., the executive director of UCGF.

“We are very grateful to our fellow socially responsible neighbors whose diligence and generosity helped us surpass our goal this year,” adds Manigat.



The donations came mostly from residents of Stratford, Trumbull, Fairfield, Bridgeport, Westport, Norwalk and Stamford. The support of institutions and

organizations such as Darien Book Aid, New Haven Reads, Jack and Jill of Eastern Fairfield County, Norwalk Public Library, UConn Library Stamford Campus, Haitian American Professionals Association of Connecticut, Inc. and International Alliance for the Advancement of Children, Inc. has greatly contributed to the success of this book drive.

Last night, volunteers, donors, and members of UNESCO Center for Global Friendship, Inc. gathered at the Town Hall of Stratford to celebrate their collective achievement.



They are now getting ready for the second phase of this project, which is to raise \$20,000 to get the collected library materials to their intended destinations by this fall.

Based in Stratford, UNESCO Center for Global Friendship, Inc. is a tax-exempt non-profit organization, officially recognized by the U.S. Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations. It develops cultural programs for libraries in the United States, and provides educational materials to underprivileged book lovers in the Caribbean and Latin America.

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