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**BOOK HARVEST JOINS FORCES WITH
TWO MEN AND A TRUCK
TO MOVE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF BOOKS FOR KIDS**

Book Harvest, a Durham-based nonprofit which provides books to Triangle children and families who need them, announced today that the Durham-based moving company **TWO MEN AND A TRUCK** is donating its services and expertise to help local kids thrive this summer.

Books on Break, a cornerstone program of Book Harvest, invites participating children to select books to take home to keep in time for summer. Research shows that reading in summer combats summer learning loss and helps participating children return to school in the fall ready to learn.

Book Harvest will kick off its sixth and biggest year of Books on Break in early May. This year, it will reach young readers in all 30 of Durham's elementary schools with books.

"Access to age-appropriate books helps students maintain reading skills through the summer and to push back – a lot -- against summer learning loss," said Ginger Young, founder of Book Harvest, a non-profit organization that sponsors Books on Break in area elementary schools as part of a broader mission to provide books to Triangle students in need. "The books that our young readers will take home and enjoy during the long weeks of summer will go far to help them preserve the hard-won gains they are reaping in their classrooms this spring."

Added Book Harvest's Education Partnerships Manager Rachel Stine, "We are so grateful to TWO MEN AND A TRUCK for helping us move over 40,000 books to our schools in Durham. We could not make Books On Break happen without this vital partnership!"

Brooke Wilson, Franchisee Owner of TWO MEN AND A TRUCK decided to become involved with Book Harvest and Books on Break because giving back to the community is one of the company's core values. "We are fortunate in so many ways and Book Harvest reminds us of just how fortunate we are to live in a community that values books and how they can transform lives. We are passionate about moving people forward and Books on Break is a perfect fit for us. Plus, I love to read books!"

For more about Book Harvest and its Books on Break program, visit Book Harvest at www.bookharvestnc.org

About Book Harvest: A nonprofit organization, **Book Harvest** provides books to Triangle children and families who need them. Growing up in homes that are rich with books helps children start kindergarten ready to learn, combat summer learning loss once they are in school, and fall in love with reading. Book Harvest believes in the power of books to transform children's lives. Since 2011, children have harvested more than 570,000 books to take home and keep for their very own, forever.

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