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BOOK HARVEST NAMES RACHEL STINE AS PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Durham, North Carolina: Book Harvest Founder and Executive Director Ginger Young announced this morning that Rachel Stine has been named the organization's first Program Director. In this newly created position, Stine will support and provide day-to-day strategic direction to the team managing the portfolio of Book Harvest programs.

In making the announcement, Young stated, "As we enter our eighth year, Book Harvest has demonstrated a proven track record of innovation, standing alongside families from the moment their children are born through their school years to ensure they have the books and literacy supports they need for success in school – and in life. At this moment in our organizational trajectory, we are prepared to explore how our core programs may be replicated and scaled, as we embark on a path of sustainable transformation in our community and beyond. Rachel is the ideal candidate to help lead our grand – and realistic – ambitions."

Stine has been on staff at Book Harvest since 2015, most recently as Education Partnerships Manager. In this role, she guided the extensive expansion of Book Harvest's [Books on Break](#) program, a partnership with local schools focused on



stemming summer learning loss among elementary school students by providing free pop-up bookstores in media centers in school just prior to summer break. This past year, Stine ensured that students in each of the 30 elementary schools in the Durham Public School system had the opportunity to choose books to take home for summer and keep forever. In addition, under her leadership all elementary schools in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School system participated along with schools in the Orange and Chatham County systems. In total, her work helped to provide 93,827 books to 18,867 students over the 2017 summer break.

In addition, Stine leads the multi-county Close the Gap initiative, collaborating with Piedmont-centered literacy leaders to support their summer programming. Plus, she has co-led Durham County's successful enrollment in the network of communities that are participating in the national [Campaign for Grade-Level Reading](#), a widely recognized initiative to move the needle on third grade reading proficiency across the country.

Stine observed, "I have had the privilege to work in deep collaboration with the most talented colleagues at Book Harvest. Our connections to the community, the schools, and, especially, to amazing parents -- all of whom are devoted to their children's lifelong success and flourishing -- make this opportunity for me incredibly exciting. I know that together we can make an even more enduring difference for the children in our community."

About Book Harvest: A nonprofit organization, Book Harvest provides books to children from birth through high school and supports parents as they help their children achieve their literacy goals. 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 780,000 books to take home and keep for their very own, forever. To learn more, visit <http://www.bookharvestnc.org>.

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