



## WRJ NORTHEAST DISTRICT 2020 CONVENTION



### HELP BUILD A CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

The theme for our convention is *Celebrating Our Stories*. Through our social action project, we hope to share the joy of storytelling by giving books to families in need.

Growing up in a household with books is imperative to a child's learning, but 61% of low-income families have no books in their homes for their children. The most successful way to improve the reading achievement of these children is to increase their access to books. What better way to help these children instill a joy of reading than by donating books! These books can assist in the beginning of each child's library.

We have chosen to work with RAIHN (the Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network). RAIHN is a not-for-profit, interfaith, culturally-competent organization that assists homeless families to achieve sustainable independence by supporting them with tailored services including shelter, food, personalized case management, and a diverse network of caring volunteers. It houses the homeless 52 weeks of the year with the capacity to service up to five families with a maximum of 15 individuals with children ranging in age from birth to age 18.

We hope you will join us and donate a book or two through our online book drive. RAIHN has created a wish list on Amazon. Using Amazon Smile, RAIHN will receive the books as well as a donation from Amazon. **[Please click here to start a child's library.](#)**

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