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THE CHILDREN FERST FOUNDATION; "ASSISTING WITH READING READINESS 'ONE BOOK AT A TIME'"

SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN

Did you know that every preschooler in Morgan County can own a home library of 60 children's books by the time they enter Kindergarten? Thanks to the Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy, which was founded in Morgan County 10 years ago by Robin Ferst, the family experience of sharing one new book each month is credited with improving the readiness of Morgan County's Kinder-

garten students!

Linda Sky, treasurer of the non-profit arm responsible for the county's book distribution, is shown with the new marketing poster and brochure for the Children Ferst Foundation of Morgan County. She and other committed volunteers joined forces as a Community Action Team in 2007 to ensure that dollars donated locally are used locally—about 1,000 Morgan County children receive books monthly. The enrollment brochures,

targeting parents of eligible preschoolers, are placed in hospitals, the Health Department and in preschools, including HeadStart. They are also distributed to other service organizations, such as the Rotary, whose members have each committed to the \$36 donation needed to fund a year of books for one child.

Sky is grateful for the recent grant of \$2,330 from the Morgan Fund of The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, which was used to produce the brochures as well as other marketing materials. This grant represents just one of nine grants distributed over the past year from the Morgan Fund to Morgan-based nonprofit agencies. The Community Foundation connects donors, non-profits and community leaders to strengthen the region through philanthropy. The Morgan Fund has been making local grants to Morgan-based nonprofit agencies since 2003. The deadline for 2009 grantmaking will be later in the fall. Check The Foundation's Web site (Morgan County page) for further information www.cf-greateratlanta.org or call (770) 788-2250.

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