

# Learning Goes More than Both Ways

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A new nonprofit organization, Books for Better Outlooks (BBO), was formed over the summer months through the collective efforts of a group of students and a teacher (me). The idea came from some former Cary High School students: Julien DuBois, Grayson Fleming, and Alyssa Cadavid, who, with the help of their former teacher, formed a 501c4 group. The dream is to get a book into the hands of those least likely to have one. Books for Better Outlooks desires to help make sure that no person is without convenient, readily accessible books. As a CTE teacher, there is no greater pride than having students take what you taught and put it towards good in the world.

While still very young, BBO is growing at an incredible rate, continuously striving to increase their impact on those around them. Their goals of filling as many shelves as possible and to establish a solid rapport with local organizations helping those in need is already well in motion. In order to quantitatively define these goals, they aimed to donate five thousand books in their first year of operation and to partner with ten different family shelters, hospitals, and schools. As of September 30th, only 3 months into their journey, they have already collected over 6,000 books and joined with 7 organizations.



During their initial contacts with these organizations, they've discovered that it's not just about books and are now working towards obtaining book carts and library shelving for use at various organizations locations.



Continuing to see the growth of our Cary High graduates is one of my greatest privileges. I've seen the tremendous impact a few people can have in a short time. A group of students that are not only using the lessons of accounting, marketing and business put to good use but the extraordinary philanthropy their generation is putting towards the betterment of communities around the state of North Carolina. They are already formulating ideas to help our countries that have been hit hardest by Florence.

If you want to learn more about our group, please visit our website.

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