

Rotarian - CNY Books for the World, Inc.

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Rotarian - CNY Books for the World, Inc. is a all volunteer Rotarian managed, collaborative effort working with Central New York Rotary Clubs, and The Second Wind

Foundation. Together, they provide K - 6th grade picture/ story and K 1– 12th grade textbooks to needed regions of the world to create opportunities for a better way of life. CNY BFTW also takes other Library & Professional books, if funding and space is available.



Mode of Operation - CNY Books for the World, Inc. provides, to the participating Rotary Club(s), a project outline, general book types and descriptions, packing specifications, and pallet loading.

The Rotary Club purchases from CNY BFTW, at cost, all the required packaging materials, organizes and manages the project up to the point they are ready for pickup. All projects are organized and managed on a per-pallet basis (24 cartons of the books). The cost also supports the transportation expenses from the project site to The Second Wind

Foundation in LaPorte, Texas.

Multi-Rotary Club projects are organized for those that are unable to fill a full pallet with the required 24 cartons. This has an added advantage of facilitating cooperation across clubs to serve their common community regions.

Organization - Recent organizational changes have resulted in establishing the Western regions of the previous CNY BFTW project as WNY BFTW, a separate organization with similar goals and objects. The CNY BFTW has been incorporated as a charitable 501 (c) 3 organization, which operates across multiple Rotary Districts within the Central New York region, and permits tax exemptions for donors and supporters of the projects.

CNY BFTW primary focus is on children early-learner books, primary and secondary school text and reference books. A secondary focus is on library, professional and other appropriate and suitable gently used books.

Accomplishments: From the project's start in 2008, CNY BFTW has shipped 24 semi-truck loads of books to Rotary BFTW in Texas and on to the children of the World. Over 90 Rotary & Interact Clubs have participated; many of them on multiple-pallet basis, has been supported by numerous volunteer businesses and organizations.



In 2015, CNY BFTW gleaned and shipped 3 semi-truck loads (26 pallets/load), and continues to grow and expand.

Rotary Districts served & Rotarian Coordinators:

- CNY BFTW - Ward Vuillemot, Skaneateles RC
- D7150 - Janet Steiner & Ed Kokkelenberg, Ithaca RC
- D7150 - Paul Barrus, Auburn RC
- D71040 (USA) - Rhody Spooner, Alexandria Bay RC

Officers: *Ward Vuillemot, Pres.; Hal Brown, V-Pres.; Ed Kokkelenberg, Sec.; Sue Reisman, Treas., Janet Steiner, Dir.; Roger Skinner, Dir.; Paul Barrus, Dir. & Rhody Spooner, Dir.*

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