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## ***Story Release***

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#### **Over a hundred books donated to TCSS**

LaGrange, Ga., December 16, 2021 – Tammy Soulakos, a realtor with Keller Williams in Newnan and volunteer with Kares 4 Kids, donated 125 books to the Troup County School System.

Kares 4 Kids is a 501(c) 3 organization operated by Keller Williams Realty.

“Reading is important to young children and we want to promote reading and help them from an early age succeed in life,” said Soulakos.

Kares 4 Kids also presented Sleep in Heavenly Peace (LaGrange chapter) with a \$2,000 check to help purchase beds and other bedding items for children in Troup County.

Greg Watts, Chapter President of SHP said this donation can help fund beds for a least 15 kids. Sleep in Heavenly Peace has provided almost 100 beds in three years to children in Troup.

“This is wonderful. We are 100 percent funded by donations. This can go a long way just in time for Christmas,” Watts.

According to Soulakos, the goal of Kares 4 Kids is to help a million children in the extended metro Atlanta area. So far, they have reached 500,000.

“This is community collaboration at its best! Tammy and I had talked before about children's books and the many different ways we distribute them in Troup County through the school system and Get Troup Reading. I know that Greg Watts and his Sleep in Heavenly Peace team share books with families each time they deliver new beds, as well. When a community works together, sharing resources, we can extend our reach,” said Nicole Kennedy, Title I Parent & Family Engagement Coordinator at Troup County Schools.

Both presentations were made at the Administrative Services Center on Wednesday, December 15.

#### **About Troup County School System**

Troup County School System is an accredited educational system with over 12,100 students in grades K-12. TCSS does offer a free Pre-K program at each elementary school. The system is comprised of eleven elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, one college and career academy, and one alternative learning center. Students within the school system are taught a rigorous and relevant curriculum that helps them make college and career choices beyond graduation and succeed in life. The system 2021 graduation rate is 85.9 percent. To learn more about Troup County School System, visit troupp.org and the Troup County School System Facebook page.

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