

# IN THE NEWS:



## Lowcountry Orphan Relief receives the Gift of Reading

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Charleston, South Carolina

Over 100 educational children's books were donated to Lowcountry Orphan Relief libraries in two Charleston county boys homes, thanks to the Charleston Lowcountry Civitan Org. and EDC, Usborne Books **Literacy for a Lifetime** matching grant program.

Charleston Lowcountry Civitan Org donated \$500 to purchase new Usborne books for Lowcountry Orphan Relief, and EDC, Usborne Books matched the donation with an additional \$250 in books.



Andrea DeMille, Usborne Consultant along with members of Charleston Civitan Org; Jan Ledbetter, Mary Welch & Kathy Robinson present a check and books to Lowcountry Orphan Relief Volunteers Suzie Lee and Brenda Roberts.

Abandoned, abused and neglected children in the Charleston area receive much needed aid and services from Lowcountry Orphan Relief (LOR). When Lynn Young, founder of LOR spoke to an audience of Civitan volunteers, they sprang into action. Mary Welsch and 9 other members worked to collect children's books and raise money to purchase new Usborne Books for LOR. One Civitan member says this was her favorite project so far. She recalls how her mother taught her to read before Kindergarten, and feels that reading is one of the best gifts a person can give or receive.

Lowcountry Civitan Org is the local chapter of Civitan International, a leading volunteer organization that provides members opportunities for personal and professional development while improving the world through community service.

Usborne Books at Home is a division of EDC, publisher of an award winning line of children's books, from modern science, to fairy tales, history, nature and foreign language. Contact your local Usborne consultant to learn more about the **Literacy for a Lifetime** matching grant program, Usborne **Reading is a Gift book fairs**, or how you can **earn free Usborne books** by hosting an Usborne home show.