TOGETHERHOOD: BOOKS FOR HOLLIS

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After receiving a grant from Greenville First Steps for 100 books, we identified a 2nd grade classroom of students from Hollis Academy which is behind the Judson Community Center YMCA in Greenville, South Carolina. This neighborhood houses one of the most impoverished communities in Greenville. Each student choose a book to take home and share. Students who had younger siblings choose a book for their sibling. The remaining books were given to the 2nd grade teacher to be used in the classroom and as rewards for good work. Many of these children have no books for children in their homes.

When you ask the children if they read at home, many replies were ‘We have no books at home to read’, said Barb Knight, community volunteer.