



A literacy program helping incarcerated parents stay connected with their children

IN THE NEWS

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"Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope." —Kofi Annan

WELCOME OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER

Remain in Touch is very pleased to introduce new Board member **Kate Arvo**. Kate comes to us as a retired elementary/middle school teacher and elementary mathematics specialist with a wealth of experience in leadership on the state-level MAISA Mathematics Task Force, as a past Girl Scout leader, and as PTO secretary. She will fill the position of Board Secretary. We are delighted to have her on board!

Welcome



FACILITATOR SPOTLIGHT

Our facilitators make our program possible by meeting with inmates and making their recordings of books for their children. The experience is rewarding for both the facilitators and the inmates.

New Facilitator Lisa after her first experience:

"This experience was one of joy. The men really got into reading for their children. Very positive."

Facilitator after most recent experience:

"All 3 inmates were so thankful."

Thank You

Remain in Touch was the featured non-profit during the month of October at Keswick United Methodist Church in Suttons Bay and **received \$250**.



WE LOVE OUR LOCAL BOOKSTORES

Huge thanks to **Brilliant Books** in Traverse City and **Bay Books** in Suttons Bay for continuing to funnel book donations to Remain in Touch through their storefronts, promotions, and 20% discount for books bought for the Remain in Touch program.



20TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOOKSTOCK

This year is the 20th anniversary of **Bookstock**, a non-profit organization in Detroit that hosts a huge annual used book sale. In their 20 years, Bookstock has generated \$2.5 million for children's literacy, and they have over 600 volunteers. Their proceeds are given to literacy programs and projects throughout Michigan. Check out www.bookstockmi.org for more info.

Remain in Touch has been a recipient of Bookstock's hard work for several years, and they have our deep gratitude for their continued work for children's literacy in our state and support of our program.

BOOKSTOCK 2024 SALE

April 7-14

Laurel Park Place Shopping Mall

37700 Six Mile Road,

Livonia, MI 48152

- Children develop literacy skills long before they read.
- Young children who are read to regularly have a larger vocabulary, a stronger foundation of language awareness, and literacy skills at a younger age.
- Children who are read to regularly by family members experience social-emotional gains and an increased likelihood of overall school success.



The more people know about Remain in Touch, the more our support base grows and the more families are positively impacted by this wonderful program.

Please share your enthusiasm for Remain in Touch and its mission by doing one or more of the following...

- Tell friends, family, colleagues, associates, and community about Remain in Touch!
- Refer people to our website.
- Place our literature in your library, church, office, or business.
- Invite a representative from Remain in Touch to speak to your group.

INMATE EXPERIENCE

“My 6 year old loved it. She plays it over and over. This is so great, anything to connect with my kids. I’m going to donate when I get out.”

“Alex has been listening every night before bed. It is so cool.”



A note enclosed with a donation: “May your efforts continue to be blessed, especially in Benzie county.”

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Remain in Touch is incredibly grateful for all of the following recent support:

- **Green Brick Foundation**—\$500 grant
- **Rotary Club of Traverse Bay Sunrise**—\$1000 grant
- **Benzie County Community Chest**—\$1000
- **Bookstock**—\$1500
- Matching funds from the **Suttons Bay Leelanau County Rotary Club** through the **Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation**
- **Individual donors** who help keep our book carts filled and our program running smoothly



Visit our website at RemainInTouch.org for:

- a complete list of our partners & supporters
- the latest news about Remain in Touch
- a description of our program
- numerous ways that you can help
- secure online donation via PayPal
- a link to our complete booklists for ages 0-12 and 13-18 at Brilliant Books

Donate

Your generous support provides hope for incarcerated parents and their children! Please invest in a better future by donating online at :

www.remainintouch.org

or make your check payable to *Remain in Touch* and mail it to:

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