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CORNER NAMING IN HONOR OF CHRISTINE ALEXANDER, FOUNDER OF NEW HAVEN READS

NEW HAVEN, CONN. Apr. 5, 2018 – New Haven Reads invites the community to celebrate the naming of the intersection of Bristol Street and Ashmun Street in New Haven to honor the founder of New Haven Reads, Christine Alexander. The corner naming will take place on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at 45 Bristol Street, New Haven, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. New Haven Mayor Toni Harp will attend and will make remarks.

“Chris was a visionary in the true sense of the word and she created a feeling of possibility and optimism that permeated everything at New Haven Reads,” says Kirsten Levinsohn, Executive Director of New Haven Reads. “She was truly determined to create a generation of readers in New Haven and we are honored to continue her work and see the success of her vision.”

Following the short ceremony, New Haven Reads will serve ice cream and cupcakes and invite everyone to participate in family-friendly activities in Scantlebury Park, Ashmun Street, New Haven. The rain date is for Sunday, April 29th, 2018, from 2pm to 3:30pm.

About New Haven Reads...

Christine Alexander founded New Haven Reads in 2001 to “share the joy and power of reading”. Although, Chris passed away in 2011, her legacy continues as New Haven Reads increases the literacy skills of children to empower their academic success by providing individually tailored one-on-one after-school tutoring, educational family support, and a community book bank, all at no cost to participants.

New Haven Reads provides free one-on-one tutoring at four locations to over 500 struggling readers in grades 1 to 12 from across the Greater New Haven area every week thanks to the dedicated support of over 400 volunteers. The program serves students aged 4 to 18 with 70% coming from New Haven.

Further information is available at <http://newhavenreads.org/>

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