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## October 2020 Newsletter

### Online Learning is Looking Great!

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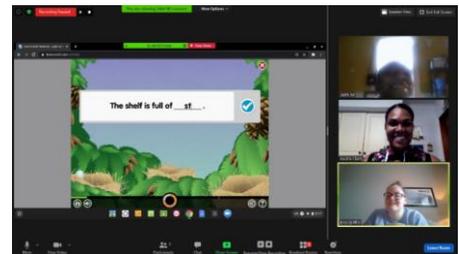
#### Fall distance learning programs are well underway



This fall, in our one-on-one tutoring program, we are working with 260 students every week. In early September, families picked up packets containing the key resources for students including workbooks, headphones, whiteboards, and (of course) books! Our first Kindergarten group has recently started and we will expand this online program in January.

Thanks to some generous donors and community partners, we have been able to provide laptops and internet hot spots to families. Not only can they use them for tutoring, but also for online schooling.

**Thank you to everyone who is working so hard to make this fall session a huge success - especially our incredible staff and dedicated volunteers**



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#### Gift from The Choate Fund for Justice



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**New Haven Reads has received an extraordinary gift of \$34,986 from The Choate Fund for Justice** from Choate Rosemary Hall.

We are honored to have been chosen as one of four beneficiaries of this new Fund. The Choate Fund for Justice provides funds for organizations that support racial justice and fight systemic bias and inequality. A committee comprised of representatives of Choate's Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and student body chose New Haven Reads because of our **"critically important and remarkable work"**.

We have appreciated the support of Choate students who volunteered with us for the past two winters. NHR continues to be a safe and nurturing place where critical work is being done to equip our community's children to grow up to be strong, proud leaders for social justice and change.

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## This is not your ordinary NHR Spelling Bee!

Spelling Bee 9 will be a **VIRTUAL Bee on Friday, December 4, 2020 at 7:00pm. Join us from anywhere!**

**We tweaked our format for this online Bee and we will provide all the information and links that you will need to participate.**



This year, the Bee will be on Zoom using Kahoot! so you can participate from the comfort of home, wherever you may be! There are **no teams this year** and everyone stays in the whole competition. As always, all proceeds go to support our online literacy programs. Find out more on our website or contact us at [spellingbee@newhavenreads.org](mailto:spellingbee@newhavenreads.org)

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## Announcing our new "RISE" program in collaboration with Literacy How



New Haven Reads is committed to ensuring every child in our program learns to read. Therefore, we have partnered with our long-time collaborator, **Literacy How**, to develop a research-based program to address the needs of children who require a more specialized and intensive approach.

Literacy How translates the science of reading into comprehensive, evidence-based methods to teach reading so every child succeeds.

**The RISE (Reading Intervention for Success Everyday) Program is a pilot to provide intensive structured literacy instruction over a 30-week period for five NHR students.**

We are so grateful for the generosity of donors whose commitment to literacy has made this program a reality.

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## Student Spotlight: Anthony G.

Anthony has been working with his tutor Alex for two years. They are always making each other laugh, session after session. "He knows a lot about creatures and snakes, and he's taught me a lot about nature. We read nature books and then he teaches me more about it after we finish reading."



Anthony has made great progress and is well aware of it. **"New Haven Reads is just great. It has helped me with reading and pronunciation. My reading when I take tests is better now. And I enjoy reading a lot more now, because I have found these subjects I like reading more about."**

Working with students just like Anthony is more important than ever as educational gaps that already existed are being widened by the impact of the pandemic. We are so grateful for our tutors like Alex who are making such a difference in the life of a child!

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## September by the Numbers

- **3,575** books distributed including **595** book distributed at our annual Teacher Open House
- **390 hours** of one-on-one tutoring for **260** students. **50%** of students are attending tutoring twice a week.
- **7** students in our Kindergarten Program



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## Upcoming Events

### The Book Bank is open on:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12-4pm and Saturday 11am-3pm.

Social distancing and mask wearing rules apply.

**Book donations** are by appointment only - please contact [books@newhavenreads.org](mailto:books@newhavenreads.org) to schedule your contactless dropoff

### Tutor Training:

Via Zoom

October 17th 10am-12pm

## 9th Annual Spelling Bee

Via Zoom

December 4th 7:00pm-8:30pm

## Book Club

Via Zoom

December 5th

For more information,

contact [volunteer@newhavenreads.org](mailto:volunteer@newhavenreads.org)



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