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Little Free Library and Foresters Financial Build 77 Community Libraries *Foresters employees and member leaders assembled and decorated the Little Free Library boxes, filled them with books, then donated them to local neighborhoods*

Hudson, WI (December 12, 2019) – The Little Free Library nonprofit organization and Foresters Financial™ recently teamed up to create 77 Little Free Library book-sharing boxes, which were donated to communities in Atlanta, Dallas, Los Angeles, and Toronto.

Foresters employees and member leaders created the Little Free Library boxes during five build events, with Foresters contributing nearly USD \$50,000 towards the purchase of goods and services supporting these builds. The first four events took place throughout November in Atlanta (16 libraries), Toronto (10 libraries), Dallas (16 libraries) and Los Angeles (15 libraries). A final build event took place on December 11, again in Toronto (20 libraries), where Foresters is headquartered.

“We want to thank Foresters Financial and their employees for their support of our Little Free Library builds,” said Greig Metzger, Little Free Library Executive Director. “Book access can be a real challenge in many neighborhoods, which can limit reading skills and educational success. But by working together, we can strengthen literacy by supporting equitable book supply.”

The November Little Free Library build days were held during Foresters Councillor Orientation Meetings, an annual event for Foresters member leaders to make connections and learn about new Foresters programs and offerings.

“Foresters Financial has always been focused on our purpose—to enrich family and community well-being. We've been doing this for over 140 years, because helping is who we are. The benefits of literacy, especially for children and communities, align with what we value as an organization,” said Nicole Gourley, Foresters Financial Global Chief Membership

Officer. “Also, it’s a fun and creative way for our member leaders to do a community activity together, in their own region.”

At the events, Foresters employees and member leaders worked with Little Free Library staff to assemble and decorate the little libraries, then fill them with books—often including their favorite titles from childhood. The libraries were then donated to local neighborhoods to help increase book access and inspire readers.

Foresters insureds (members) receive a full suite of unique member benefits¹ that furthers Foresters fraternal mission of enriching the well-being of hard-working families and their communities. Member benefits include opportunities for scholarships, community building grants, as well as financial counseling and access to complimentary or discounted legal advice. These Little Free Library builds are one of those benefits, led by Foresters members.

Corporate build events like Foresters’ help support Little Free Library’s mission to increase book access for all. To learn how you can host a build event, visit LittleFreeLibrary.org/organizational-giving.

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About Little Free Library

Little Free Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and improves book access by fostering neighborhood book-exchange boxes around the world. Little Free Library has received recognition from the Library of Congress, the National Book Foundation, and others for its dedication to expanding book access for all. There are more than 90,000 Little Free Library book-sharing boxes worldwide, in all 50 states and in 91 countries. Since the first little library was created in 2009, more than 120 million books have been shared. To learn more, support LFL’s programs, or become a volunteer steward, visit LittleFreeLibrary.org.

About Foresters Financial

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