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A MESSAGE FROM HEATHER



My love of books and reading were nurtured from a very young age. Summer days often started at our small town's library, where I sifted through the endless aisles, collecting stacks of books too big to carry. One of my first jobs was in that library, helping to craft their children's summer reading program and stacking books up and down those familiar aisles.

Each of my life's experiences since then has prepared me, in ways large and small, for the next chapter of my journey – the one that includes Claire's Day – and I couldn't be happier.

The founders, leaders, volunteers, partners, and supporters of Claire's Day have inspired countless children to become lifelong readers, which truly gives them a leg-up in our knowledge-driven world. Together, we can reach struggling readers and provide them with an opportunity to enhance their love of literature and learning. The foundation laid by these individuals is impressive and inspiring. But we still have work to do! Together, we will have fun and shepherd Claire's Day into its next phase of growth. Together, we continue to celebrate life, love, literature, and the legacy of Claire Lynsey Rubini.

Heather Gallant
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THE C.A.R.E. AWARDS

Bringing out the best in all of us

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hen Park Elementary fifth grader Nathan Schock was awarded a Claire's Award for Reading Excellence (C.A.R.E.) at Claire's Day, he did something unusual: he asked Claire's Day author Brandon Marie Miller to autograph his book for his teacher, Mrs. Christine Elliott.

"Mrs. Elliott was a very kind teacher for helping me so much with my reading," said Nathan. "I had the author sign the book for Mrs. Elliott because she was my favorite teacher."

The C.A.R.E Awards were created to recognize students like Nathan who demonstrate marked improvement in their reading skills. Mrs. Elliott knew that Nathan a perfect candidate for a C.A.R.E. Award. "Nathan was working hard. As his skills in reading comprehension improved, he recognized it, and challenged himself to do more. He might not admit it, but he fell in love with reading. When a student works that hard, it's a wonderful thing to be able to reward him."

Mrs. Elliott has been a supporter of Claire's Day for many years, and has found the program helps her to maintain perspective as a teacher. "I think Claire's Day is an exceptionally wonderful program," she said. "As teachers, many times we worry about teaching them how to read, and forget to teach or show them to love reading. It's fun to see a kid get lost in a good book. Claire's Day gives educators a day that is just about celebrating the art of being an author. It's not about a test score, but about the hard work and dedication a student puts in to their personal best. Students get an opportunity to meet authors, see their work, and hear their stories. It is a priceless experience."

Read Nathan's full story on our blog at www.claresday.org/blog/.
To nominate an improved reader from your school, email us at schools@clairesday.org

A GOOD READ

Check out these 2013 Claire's Day authors at your local library.



VALISKA GREGORY, AUTHOR



RHONDA GOWLER GREENE, AUTHOR



MARK CRILLEY, AUTHOR



LISA WHEELER, AUTHOR



ELIZABETH RAUM, AUTHOR

For a complete list of authors and illustrators see back of newsletter.



Schedule of Events

2012

2013

February

May

21

18

Books Grant Reception for Schools receiving Claire's Day grants.

Claire's Day Family Book Festival and C.A.R.E. Awards

6:00 - 7:00 pm
Barnes & Noble
Monroe Street, Toledo

9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Maumee Branch Library

May

16

Claire's Night Fundraiser and Author Meet and Greet

7:00 - 9:00 pm
Toledo Lucas County
Main Library



Book Fair & Special Guest Author Paul Orshoski will read and sign books!

9:00 am - 10:00 pm
Barnes & Noble
Monroe Street, Toledo

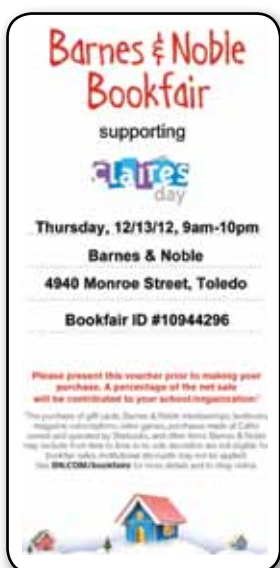


For more information about any of our special events call 567.712.1180 or visit www.claresday.org.

Support Claire's Day!

Are there books on your holiday shopping list?

If so, then come to the Claire's Day bookfair at Barnes & Noble on Monroe Street in Toledo on December 13, 2012. A portion of the sales will be given to Claire's Day, so you'll be checking off your shopping list and supporting a cause you hold dear. Special guest author Paul Orshoski will give a live reading and book signing from 6-8 p.m., and gift wrapping will be available. Simply bring a copy of the



bookfair voucher (above), or download it from our website at clairesday.org.

Can't make it in person?

Shop online at bn.com/bookfairs from December 13 - December 18 by entering Bookfair ID 10944296 at checkout.

OUR APOLOGIES

We accidentally omitted Hileman Associates as one of our 2012 sponsors. We appreciate their support and regret this error.

For over 30 years, Hileman Associates have provided companies with recordkeeping, administration and actuarial services for their retirement plans. Their complementary online newsletter library is a wonderful resource for qualified retirement plan information - check it out on the web at: hilemanassoc.com.

Our special thanks to Hileman Associates for their support of the community and of Claire's Day.

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Authors & Illustrators!

The twelfth annual Claire's Day Children's Book Festival will feature eleven authors and illustrators, all newcomers to the Claire's Day family.

For details about each one, including the titles of their books, visit their website or head on over to clairesday.org!

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www.rhondagowlergreene.com

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OUR MISSION

The Claire's Day Inc. mission is to honor Claire Lynsey Rubini by inspiring children and families to be lifelong readers through exposure to a variety of literary opportunities and experiences.

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