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Harlem 4th-graders donate money to Habitat for Horses

A non-profit organization is benefiting from the generosity of fourth-graders at Harlem Elementary School who donated more than \$1,100 to help abused horses on April 21.

The 30 gifted and talented students of Mrs. Rashell's and Mrs. LeDay's classes sold books of their poetry to fellow students, teachers, and parents to raise the money donated to Habitat for Horses.

Based on a 25-acre farm in Hitchcock, Habitat For Horses aids in the seizure and recuperation of abused horses and helps educate the public about equine health.

During the big check presentation, student Jacob Naiser told Habitat for Horses founder Jerry Finch that when the two classes found out about the group's efforts, they decided to pitch in.

"This involved us putting our heart and soul on paper creating poems. Once we were done, we typed them up and binded them into books," he said.

In a five-month period, Jacob said, the students raised more than \$1,100. "Wow! It's amazing how kids like us can make a big difference."

Finch and other officers from Habitat for Horses, which has been in business since 1998, brought a couple of horses to school for the students to see and pet after the donation.



Harlem Elementary School students in Mrs. Rashell's and Mrs. LeDay's classes recently donated more than \$1,100 to Habitat for Horses, a non-profit group which aids in the seizure and recuperation of abused horses. [Photo Gallery](#)

"These kids are role models for all adults," said Mrs. LeDay. "If more adults would do what these students did, the world would be a better place."

And there are still more poetry books for sale (\$2 each) Email teachers [Linda Leday](#) or [Deborah Rashell](#) to purchase a book.

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