



The Beacon Society

## JAN STAUBER GRANT PROGRAM

*To Support Programs Introducing Young People to Sherlock Holmes*



### Recipient Summary Report

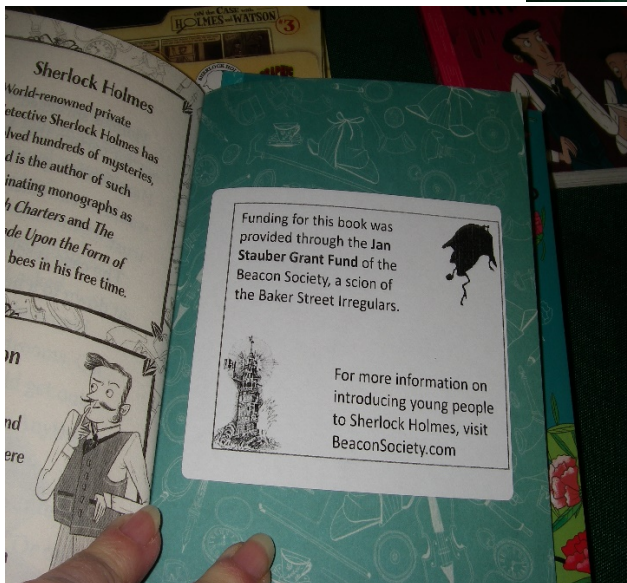
We greatly appreciate your enthusiasm for introducing young people to Sherlock Holmes. Within three weeks of your program or project's completion, please complete the following summary report. Your report will be posted on our website, BeaconSociety.com, and may inspire others to implement a similar program or project in their own communities.

1	Grant Recipient:	<b>CHRISTMAS HOUSE</b>
2	Organization Name:	<b>CHRISTMAS HOUSE</b>
3	Organization Location:	<b>The "store" is located in the North Everett Boys &amp; Girls Club gym during December. They allow us to use it at no cost.</b>
4	Number of Participants:	<b>2,070 families selected toys, warm outer wear, gifts and books for 6,090 children.</b>
5	Grades or Ages of Participants:	<b>We low-income families of Snohomish County (WA) whose children range in age from birth to 18.</b>
6	Program or Project's Start/End Dates: (mm/dd/yyyy)	<b>Christmas House was open Tues. through Sat., Dec. 1 – 18.</b>

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Describe the Completed Program or Project:

With your generous \$500 grant to Christmas House our committee was able to order 162 Sherlock Holmes books (18 titles) from Amazon. When the books arrived we put your bookplate in each. The books were boxed and placed in secure storage until Christmas House opened. They were then unpacked and 9 of the books (assorted titles) were put out for selection each day. (They were almost always the first to be selected ) When they had time the volunteers would browse the books and share, some stayed long enough to read an entire graphic Sherlock Holmes novel. The volunteers would enthusiastically point out the Sherlock Holmes books when helping our visitors with selections. When Christmas House closed on Dec. 18, 2021 not a single Sherlock Holmes book was left to pack up for storage... every one had been selected by a parent. Christmas House provided 38,610 gifts to 2,070 low-income Snohomish County families with 6,090 children (ages birth to 18).



Our Christmas House goals for this project were to provide a wider selection of titles and classic literature in a format that youngsters would read. Every child was provided with a book selected by his/her parent. 162 of those books were Sherlock Holmes titles. The graphic format was ideal as were the titles! Many of the parents remarked that style was what their children read. And the adults often recognized and remembered reading some of the titles. One parent commented that "this is the only kind of book my kid will look at" and she was referring to the comic book art style. She was excited to find a book that he, a non-reader, would read. Our mission, to add new, classic titles and provide graphic novels the youth would read was successful and your grant helped us make that happen. Thank you for providing the grant that gave us a chance to provide these titles as Christmas gifts. The parents selecting the books were vocal about the wonderful choices and pleased that there were titles that they knew. (Enthusiastic parents will encourage their children to read.) This was a successful project, thank you for your support in making it happen.



