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Oracle Volunteers and Bring Me A Book Honored with Homeplate Recognition Ceremony by the San Francisco Giants

Partnership for providing books to children in Malawi recognized by the San Francisco Giants with a homeplate recognition ceremony, August 22nd at 7:15pm

(August 2008) Bring Me A Book and a group of volunteers from Oracle will be recognized for their philanthropic spirit with a homeplate ceremony by the San Francisco Giants on Friday, August 22nd at 7:15pm. The ceremony will feature 12 members of the Oracle volunteer team and Bring Me A Book's President Dianne Calvi to appear at the Giant's homeplate prior to the start of the game.

In September 2007, a group of 32 Oracle volunteers assisted Bring Me A Book in the preparation and shipping of 2,000 hardcover, high quality children's books to 6 rural villages in Malawi. The volunteers participated as part of Oracle's Annual Global Volunteer Days, a two week company wide service effort that engages over 3,500 volunteers from 32 countries in over 110 community projects. Established in 2000, Oracle Global Volunteer Days was created by Oracle volunteers to promote volunteerism among Oracle employees, make a lasting impact on local communities and celebrate year round service to organizations throughout the world.

Oracle's partnership with Bring Me A Book through the 2007 Oracle Volunteer Days was instrumental in the launch of the *Malawi Interactive Community Libraries Campaign*. The campaign provided Malawian children with access to exceptional quality hardcover children's literature in Malawian produced shelving units with additional Malawian produced cloth book bags to allow children to transport books home. In addition to the literary materials themselves, Bring Me A Book funded the selection and training of teachers and community members, including parents and children, to serve as Village Library Management Team.

"It was truly an honor to partner with the generous Oracle volunteers," says Bring Me A Book President Dianne Calvi. "It is our mission at Bring Me A Book to provide the highest quality books to children; giving children not only access to books they previously have not had, but also inspiring a life-long love of reading. Our collaborative partnerships make it possible to fulfill our mission."

The Bring Me A Book Foundation® is a 501 (c) (3) award winning literacy non profit headquartered in Mountain View, CA. Founded by Judy Koch in 1997, Bring Me A Book Foundation® provides libraries and training programs for children who do not have access to high quality books and reading assistance. Serving needy children and families in 14 states and 8 countries throughout the world, The Bring Me A Book Foundation® serves preschools, childcare centers, health clinics, homeless shelters and the work place. For additional information or media inquiries please contact Erin Smith via telephone (650) 625-5000 ext 224 or through email esmith@bringmeabook.org.

