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100 years of telling tales

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Since 2006 The Wrens Nest has been working in conjunction with several local youth to feature a student written, student edited, and student published literary journal. The Scribes program provides students in the Atlanta area with the experience of becoming writers and editors to learn about the art of publishing first hand from Atlanta area professionals. The program features students from the KIPP Strive Academy and Brown Middle School. In fact the student's anthology Read After Burning premiered at the Decatur Book Festival. In 2013 the journal into Bright Tomorrow, featured 28 young writers, our largest project to date. With the generosity and support of our donors, none of that would have been possible.

The Wrens nest is excited to tell you that the program has the opportunity to expand into two new schools. The Wrens nest would love to provide this educational and creative project to more young people however in order to do this; the program must raise \$8,000 dollars by March 31, 2015 so that this program can be introduced in the Spring semester. The funds raised will be used to purchase program supplies, transportation, and educational field trips.

The Wren's Nest is very passionate about youth literacy and writing. Creative writing has been proven to help improve critical thinking and problem solving skills. Writing opens up pathways to understanding different cultures and views on humanity. When students learn how to express themselves, they gain a respect for others, discover themselves, and increase their self-esteem. The ability to tell one's own story is vital because the only person living the life can give the story passion and if we don't tell our own stories, who will? It is for these reasons and more that reaching more students through the Scribes program is so important.



The Wren's Nest's mission states "In order to preserve the legacy of Joel Chandler Harris and the heritage of African American folklore, The Wren's Nest aims to serve as an educational resource for the community, the greater Atlanta Area, and visitors from around the globe through storytelling, tours and student publishing", to be able to share the joys and wonders of creative expression through writing is at the heart of this mission. The Wren's Nest aims to inspire the next generation of writers through the Scribes program.

On behalf of the Wrens nest and all of the young lives that have been impacted positively through the Scribes program, please help us in reaching this goal so that other young people can experience having their voices heard through writing.

The Wrens Nest hope you will consider making the addition of two schools possible with a generous and much appreciated donation.

Thank you for your support of the Scribes program and the youth that whose lives it touches. Your compassion enriches their lives in more ways than you will ever know. We are so grateful for you.

Sincerely,

Sue Gillman
Executive Director