

Sara's Stories is a book program that began in Pittsford during 2016 in memory of Sara Gallipo, a beloved community member and mother of two of the program's founders. Our program helps to ensure that every child in the towns that we cover has new books that are developmentally appropriate in their home. Research shows that early literacy is linked to success in elementary school, high school and beyond.

In 2019, Sara's Stories began a partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library which allows us to mail a book each month to children in the towns that we cover from birth until they reach age 5, at no cost to the recipients. As a local affiliate of Imagination Library, we are financially responsible for covering the cost of the children in our program - about \$25 per child annually. As of August, our program has 224 children currently enrolled. Sara's Stories is funded by a couple of small fundraisers, business sponsorships and individual donations throughout the year. Our program supports Pittsford, Florence, Chittenden, Proctor, Clarendon, West Rutland and Shrewsbury children. We also attend local events to pass out free books to all children in attendance, regardless of age or residency.

Our initial goal was to provide Dolly Parton Imagination Library to Pittsford children but with community support, we've been able to extend this wonderful program to neighboring towns. It is our ultimate goal that, together with the Brandon Toy Project and the Rutland Free Library, all children in Rutland County would be eligible for the Imagination Library book mailings.

We host an annual Chili Cook-Off each fall and this year's will be held October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Pittsford Rec from 11-2. We will host a cornhole tournament featuring cash prizes alongside our chili cook off. Back by popular demand, Liambru Tasty will be onsite selling their locally crafted beer to chili cook-off attendees. Our event is usually attended by over 100 people and allows us to both raise funds for our program and meet the young families that receive our books.

With our Chili Cook-Off, we are running our annual sponsorship drive. Sponsorships are vital to our program and we ask that you consider sponsoring our event. This year we have four different sponsorship levels, but any amount you can afford is greatly appreciated, please see the sponsorship form included.

Thank you for your support.



## Sponsorship Form

"AWARD WINNING AUTHOR"  Sponsorship	"LIBRARIAN" <b>Sponsorship</b>	"BOOK CLUB MEMBER"  Sponsorship	"READER" Sponsorship
\$1,000 donation	\$500 donation	\$150 donation	\$50 donation
Multiple posts on Facebook tagging your business in each post, listing your business as a headlining sponsor  Sara's Stories Tote bag  Listed as headlining	Multiple posts on Facebook tagging your business in each post  Business logo on banner for events	Post on Facebook tagging your business	
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