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Donaldson Company Funds Shipment of 20,000 Books for African Schools



MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 26, 2009 — The Donaldson Foundation funded the shipment of 20,000 donated books to schools and libraries in South Africa. To celebrate the send off, Books for Africa, a non-profit organization whose mission is to *end the book famine in Africa*, hosted an African barbeque and warehouse office tour on Oct. 3rd.

On hand for the celebration were: Thomas Warth, Founder of Books for Africa; Dr. Augustine Mahiga, Ambassador of the [United Republic of Tanzania](#) to the [United Nations](#); Gillian Tiego Motlhamme, Vice Consul General, Republic of South Africa; Norm Linnell, President of the Donaldson Foundation, as well as countless volunteers and supporters of Books for Africa.

When the books arrive in South Africa, Donaldson employees in Cape Town and Johannesburg will help sort and distribute books to more than 23 schools in Cape Town and Johannesburg.

South African Vice Consul General Gillian Motlhamme stated in her address at the event, “I feel that as a business Donaldson Company has displayed a sense of corporate social responsibility. It’s very encouraging to see business giving back to the community. I would like to say thank you from the bottom of my heart to Donaldson Company.”

Pictured in the photo from left to right are: Thomas Warth, Books for Africa Founder and Dr. Augustine Mahiga, Ambassador of the [United Republic of Tanzania](#) to the [United Nations](#).

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Donaldson is a member of the S&P MidCap 400 and Russell 1000 indices, and our shares trade on the NYSE under the symbol DCI. Additional information is available at www.donaldson.com

About the Donaldson Foundation

Established in 1966, the Donaldson Foundation funds charitable causes on behalf of Donaldson Company, Inc. Since 1991, the Foundation has contributed 2% of the company's earnings each year, making it a Minnesota Keystone participant. Its mission is to positively impact the communities in which its employees live and work by supporting education.

About Books for Africa

Books for Africa (BFA), based in St. Paul, Minnesota, promotes literacy and provides educational opportunities to children in Africa. BFA is the world's largest shipper of donated books to the African continent. Since 1988, Books for Africa has shipped over 20 million high-quality text and library books to 45 African countries. Additional information on Books for Africa is available at <http://www.booksforafrica.org>.

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