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Flower City Habitat installs a Little Free Library

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Flower City Habitat Installs a Little Free Library made possible by Penfield volunteers in the JOSANA neighborhood of Rochester. FCHH installed a Little Free Library at the Charles Settlement House (CSH) on Saturday, May 17th. Members of the community, FCHH, CHS, and volunteers who built the Little Free Library were on hand to celebrate the installation.

"I read an article about Little Free Libraries

popping up around the country in all different communities," said Terri Ercole, Cobbles Elementary School teacher and Chairperson of the Flower City Habitat for Humanity Youth Committee. "Our committee focuses on providing more opportunities for families to read together so what better way than to give away books right in the neighborhood Flower City Habitat is working in."

The Little Free Library in the JOSANA

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Tashara Small, JOSANA resident; Terri Ercole, Cobble's Elementary School teacher and Chair of FCHH's Youth Committee; Cobbles student; and Bill Bartlett, Flower City Habitat for Humanity's Construction Manager pose with the new Flower City Habitat Little Free Library at Charles Settlement House.SUBMITTED

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neighborhood was built by FCHH's cabinet shop volunteers and painted by an art teacher at in Penfield. The books were donated by students at Cobbles Elementary.

"Books are a common denominator for all kids and sharing them opens up new worlds. We hope the families both take books and leave books for others families to love," said Ercole. "This is really such a community effort, from Cobbles students donating the books to a homeowner offering to keep it stocked. We also appreciate Charles Settlement for offering us the space to house the library."

Charles Settlement House was the chosen location for this Little

Free Library because of its central location in the neighborhood and its community building and outreach focus. "A location like ours is accessible to the entire neighborhood. The Little Free Library is a great way to put more books in the hands of children and adults," said Scott Benjamin, President of Charles Settlement House.

"We look forward to doing neighborhood projects with residents of JOSANA whether for Habitat homeowner families or the general good of the community when we can and when it makes sense," said Matt Flanigan, CEO and President of Flower City Habitat for Humanity. "These types of projects are fun for us, good for the community, and help us live our mission in the form of Neighborhood

Revitalization. Having the folks at Charles Settlement House as a partner help us expand our reach and integrate with neighbors in the JOSANA area. We're grateful to have them in our neighborhood of focus."

Flower City Habitat for Humanity, founded in 1984, is a non-denominational Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating substandard and poverty housing in Rochester. www.rochesterhabitat.org.

Charles Settlement House has provided a variety of human services to northwest Rochester for nearly 100 years. Major program areas include youth development, family services, a senior center, and neighborhood capacity building. Visit: www.charlessettlementhouse.org.