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Kidango Thanks Dublin Barnes and Noble for 2,232 books

February 3, 2009 - Kidango, a Bay Area Leader in Early Childhood Education and Development, received 2,232 books from the Dublin Barnes & Noble over the holidays and into January.

Dublin Barnes & Noble selected Kidango's *Gifts from the Heart* program to be the recipient of their annual holiday book drive. *Gifts from the Heart* is Kidango's annual gift drive to benefit the children in need participating in their early education programs. Books were donated by Dublin Barnes & Noble customers throughout the holidays and into January. The books were distributed among the children attending Kidango preschools throughout the Bay Area.

"The books donated by Barnes & Noble made a huge difference in the success of our holiday gift drive. Each child was able to receive a quality book for the holidays. These books helped brighten the holidays for children and will help them develop a love of reading" said Paul Miller, Executive Director at Kidango.

Kidango and Dublin Barnes & Noble also partnered to raise funds for Kidango's *Gifts from the Heart* program earlier in the year through Barnes & Noble book fairs, which help non-profit organizations raise money by offering a special discount to customers from their organization on the day of the book fair. To find out more about Barnes & Noble book fairs, visit: www.barnesandnoble.com/bookfairs.

Kidango, one of the Bay Area's largest nonprofit organizations providing early care, education and child development services to children ages 0-12, inspires all children and families by promoting their potential and diversity through quality services and nurturing relationships. We believe in serving the whole child and family. To support our core education and child development services, we also provide early intervention services, mental health services, Early Head Start/Head Start programs, nutrition programs and other social services. Each year, we hold an annual gift drive, *Gifts from the Heart*, to help the children in our program who might otherwise not receive a gift.

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About Kidango

Kidango began as Tri-Cities Children's Centers in 1979. At inception there were only 90 children and families being served at one center in Fremont. Today more than 2,500 children and their families benefit from the Kidango programs in Alameda, Santa Clara, and San Francisco Counties. As a leader in early education, early intervention, mental health, and before and after school services, this public benefit organization has a long history of working closely with the California Department of Education Child Development Division, Regional Centers and Head Start programs to provide quality services for children ages 0-10. For further information about the agency contact Kidango at 1-800-262-4252 or visit us on the web at www.kidango.org.