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## **Chelsea District Library Receives Grant from Target For Authors in Chelsea**

**Chelsea, Michigan | August 02, 2011** — Chelsea District Library today announced a partnership with Target that will bring nationally known authors and illustrators to Chelsea Schools. The grant will allow the library to provide children close contact with nationally known award-winning authors and illustrators to explore the art and craft of writing and illustrating, in order to encourage students to read and appreciate literature. Authors in Chelsea takes place each year in March.

“We are very grateful to Target for funding this grant, which will enable us to continue to obtain nationally known authors for this program which serves Chelsea schoolchildren in grades 2, 4 and 6. Over 600 children and adults participated in Authors in Chelsea 2011, and we look forward to involving even more in 2012!”

This grant is part of ongoing efforts by Target to strengthen families and communities throughout the country. Since 1946, Target has given 5 percent of its income to communities. Today, that giving equals more than \$3 million every week.

“At Target, our local grants are making a difference in communities across the country,” said Laysha Ward, President, Community Relations, Target. “We’re proud to partner with Chelsea District Library as part of our ongoing commitment to strengthen communities where our guests and team members live and work.”

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Additionally, Target also gives through signature programs that are designed to inspire learning in children and families. Programs include:

- **Take Charge of Education®**, a school fundraising program;
- **Target School Library Makeovers**, a program that provides year-round volunteer opportunities for Target team members to get involved with their local school;
- **Target Field Trip<sup>SM</sup> Grants**, a program that helps educators bring learning to life outside the classroom through the distribution of grants;
- **Target House®**, serves as a home away from home for families of children receiving lifesaving treatment at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital® in Memphis. The St. Jude School Program presented by Target, is staffed with accredited teachers and helps patients stay on track academically while undergoing treatments that can last months;
- **Target Volunteers**, a nationwide network of Target team members, retirees, families and friends who volunteer millions of hours to community projects.

### **About Chelsea District Library**

The Chelsea District Library is nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide equal access to quality resources that serve the lifelong cultural, educational and informational needs and interests of all people. The Library currently serves 14,000 residents in the Chelsea district – City of Chelsea plus Dexter, Lima , Lyndon and Sylvan townships and more than 20,000 individuals visit the Library each month. The Library’s state-of-the-art facility is an access point for information including: books, periodicals, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, downloadable e-books, subscription databases as well as access to the Internet. In addition to providing dynamic services to complement and support local schools and other important community needs, the Chelsea District Library strives to present timely, interesting and high-quality programs and events to engage and enrich the Chelsea community. For more information, visit [www.chelsea.lib.mi.us](http://www.chelsea.lib.mi.us).

### **About Target**

Minneapolis-based Target Corporation (NYSE:TGT) serves guests at 1,750 stores in 49 states nationwide and at Target.com. In addition, the company operates a credit card segment that offers branded proprietary credit card products. Since 1946, Target has given 5 percent of its income through community grants and programs; today, that giving equals more than \$3 million a week. For more information about Target’s commitment to corporate responsibility, visit [Target.com/hereforgood](http://Target.com/hereforgood).

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