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**Local Organization Donates \$5000 worth of Dictionaries
To Third Graders in Dallas County**

BUFFALO, Mo., December 3, 2009 – The Buffalo Rotary Club will deliver over 250 high quality dictionaries to area third graders in the next few days. Rotary clubs throughout the world believe very strongly in supporting the development of our youth, especially in the area of literacy. “We believe this dictionary will assist our children in furthering their educational development throughout the coming years,” said Scott Burks, Club President.

This is the second year the Buffalo Rotary Club has provided dictionaries to local third graders. The hardbound Scholastic Dictionaries given are designed with third graders in mind and are filled with pictures. Last year our available funding only allowed us to provide books to D.A. Mallory and Long Lane schools, according to Ron Locke, Project Chairman, but this year we have expanded our program to include Skyline, Halfway, and the Mennonite Prairie Grove school third grade students thanks to a generous donation from our local Community Foundation of the Ozarks board.

Mary Ellen Chapman a Rotary club member said, “We received lots of wonderful thank you letters from third graders last year after they received their books.” Here are a few of their comments: Abigail from Long Lane said, “I really, really, enjoyed the dictionary you got me. I have never had my own dictionary before. Thank you very much.” Madison from Mallory said, “Thank you for the dictionary that you gave me. I will always use it where I need help on a word. You are going to be on my thankful list.” Jody from Mallory said, “Thank you for the dictionary. I really like it. I looked up the word bird. My parents really like my dictionary. It is very fun to look up stuff. You guys are super you helped me learn about new words. You are really helpful people and you are great.”