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Realtor, Damaris Rodriguez donates books on Autism Awareness to St. Catherine's Laboure School to raise awareness and tear down stigmas

Harrisburg, PA (5/15/19) Damaris Rodriguez of Howard Hanna Paxtang (Harrisburg, PA) donates a stack of books titled "My Life with Gary" written by co-author Luciano Magaro of Mechanicsburg about a day in his life with Autism published to provide an understanding in classrooms about the disorder.

Rodriguez is donating copies of "My Life with Gary" to St. Catherine's because she feels that raising awareness for Autism and classmates that are different is very important. The local realtor has friends and family members struggling with this complex diagnosis. Rodriguez states, "It is important to not only educate and spread awareness but for kids like Luciano to not be ashamed."

As one of the few Hispanic realtors in Harrisburg, PA she is no stranger to helping others in the community often helping first time home buyers by providing translation services at no charge. Rodriguez inserts herself into the community providing donations to causes that she feels are important to her such as actively volunteering her time with the Latino Hispanic Community Center (LHACC) and serving on the Board of the Civic Center of Harrisburg.

Rodriguez serves as the Events Coordinator of Autism in Classrooms, a 501(C)3 out of Mechanicsburg that distributes literature about Autism to classrooms throughout the United States.

St. Catherine's Laboure School is the first private school in the country to receive copies of this special book providing a very rare glimpse of what autism is like and how students and teachers can help other students on the spectrum. This is also the first school in the Harrisburg Diocese to receive copies of this book.

Damaris Rodriguez

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"My Life with Gary"

The book is available by donation only and can be acquired through Autism In Classrooms, a 501(c)(3): www.autisminclassrooms.org. Organizations, such as Parent Teacher Organizations (PTOs), would benefit greatly from this book.