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## **Book Trust's Vino & Libri Event Welcomes Keynote, Ruby Bridges**

Bridging the Opportunity Gap with Equity and Quality Education for All

**Denver, CO, February 20, 2019** – Book Trust, an early literacy 501(c)3 non-profit organization based in Denver, CO, has been working for nearly 20 years to uniquely deliver choice and ownership of books to children, building home libraries, increasing literacy skills, and fostering a lifelong love of learning.

Book Trust will be holding their annual fundraiser Vino & Libri: Bridges to Books on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at Infinity Park Event Center. Book Trust is honored to have Philanthropist and Activist, Ruby Nell Bridges Hall, as the featured author and keynote speaker of the evening. Ruby was the first African-American child to desegregate the all-white William Frantz Elementary School in Louisiana during New Orleans school desegregation in 1960 and is the central figure in Norman Rockwell's painting, "The Problem We All Live With." She has dedicated her life to promote tolerance and equity through education, including authorship of "Through My Eyes."

This evening will celebrate reading and book ownership for children who need it most. Book Trust anticipates over 400 guests will attend the event highlighting the organization's mission as they serve over 57,000 students in 21 states across the country; including over 20,000 students in 60 schools within Colorado. Experience the program first-hand through the eyes of Book Trust teachers and students as they bridge the opportunity gap through a shared commitment to equity and quality education for all.

Vino & Libri 2019: Bridges to Books is generously supported by Scholastic Book Clubs, Plante Moran, El Pomar Foundation, Government Performance Solutions, Hackstaff & Snow LLC, Deb Deverell, VintageView, Bridgeview IT, Karrikins Group, Denver7, and Great-West Financial.

For more information, to inquire about event sponsorship or to purchase tickets contact Tiffany R. Kuehner at 720.459.6491 or tkuehner@booktrust.org. Tickets can also be purchased online at <a href="https://www.booktrust.org/event/vino-and-libri/">www.booktrust.org/event/vino-and-libri/</a>. For more information about Book Trust, go to www.booktrust.org.

## **Event Details**

Book Trust Annual Vino & Libri Event Thursday, April 25, 6-9 p.m. Infinity Park Event Center | 4400 E. Kentucky Ave., Glendale, CO 80246



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## **About Book Trust**

Headquartered in Denver, CO, Book Trust is a national early literacy 501(c)3 organization that helps elementary school children with little or no access to books fall in love with reading and become lifelong learners. With Book Trust, students learn the power of choice and pride of ownership, motivating them to succeed. Book Trust believes that when children have access to books we create a world in which literacy removes barriers and provides children the tools to navigate life successfully, bridging the opportunity gap. Since 2001, Book Trust has facilitated over 6 million book choices, and placed them in the hands of students in need.

In the 2018-2019 school year, Book Trust will serve more than 57,000 elementary school students in 21 states, including over 20,000 boys and girls within 60 schools throughout Colorado. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.booktrust.org">www.booktrust.org</a>.

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