

## **Lily's Book Drive for BookSmiles**

Lily began her charitable work in 2020 at the age of 6. She wanted to do something to help those in need. Her initial idea was to collect sticks and sell them to dogs. After brainstorming with her mother who works for Cooper Hospital, they determined that socks were a major necessity in the hospital's emergency department. So, she had a sock drive and collected 1200 pairs of socks.

This year, Lily wanted to hold a fundraiser for BookSmiles and placed a collection bin outside her house on November 4th. Between the 4th and the 30th she collected 405 books. On November 30th Lily hosted her 5th Annual Fundraiser, which featured a bouncy house, a raffle for 76ers tickets, hot drinks and food. To raise the money she sold t-shirts, raffle tickets, hot dogs, and pretzels. By the end of the day she collected \$1,000 in donations and 670 books! Not bad for a frigid Saturday afternoon in November.