

1983

Diane Redington NURS '83G established the GYN Carcinosarcoma Project, a nonprofit dedicated to finding a cure for the rare uterine/ovarian cancer. A nurse-practitioner in Park City, Utah, she has raised more than \$230,000 in research funds since being diagnosed in 2015.

Norman A. Stahl EDUC '83G was inducted into the Reading Hall of Fame at the annual

conference of the International Literacy Association. He is a professor emeritus of literacy education at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill., and serves on the board of the Wirtz Foundation and on the leadership team for the Council of Learning Assistance and Developmental Education Associations.

SPOTLIGHT



BY ELIZABETH HOOVER

Anne Keenan's living room in Ambler, Pa., is brimming with books. They spill from shelves and tower in stacks on the floor—perhaps 4,000 volumes in all. The Pitt alumna is an avid reader, but these titles don't belong to her. She will deliver them to young readers in schools, homeless shelters, churches, police stations, and food pantries. Meanwhile, her home will fill again with donated books collected through her nonprofit, Reading Recycled.

Keenan was inspired to start the charity in 2009, after hearing the story of a teenager who had grown up without books. It troubled the former teacher, who still remembers the freedom she felt as a child reading favorites like *Harold and the Purple Crayon*. She wondered, "What if you could give a child growing up in less than ideal conditions the opportunity to escape through literature?"

Access to books means more than a getaway for the imagination; it can also be a strong predictor of academic success. Yet, many children grow up without age-appropriate books in their home, says Keenan, who pursued literacy education after studying sociology and psychology at Pitt. In some low-income areas of Philadelphia, researchers counted one book per every 300 children. In more affluent areas, the ratio is 13 books per child.

Reading Recycled addresses that imbalance, and has already donated more than 18,000 books across eastern Pennsylvania. Keenan (A&S '81) even hand-sews "birthday bags," filled with new books and a toy, for children living in emergency shelters.

"It's just a charity based on heart," she says. "You see a need, you know how to fill it, and you get it done."

1987

Kim Coley PHARM '87 received the 2017 Preceptor of the Year Award from the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association (PPA). She is the chair of the PPA Editorial Review Board and a professor in Pitt's School of Pharmacy. **Rose Hoover** CGS '87 was named one of *Pittsburgh Business Times'* Outstanding CEOs and Top Executives. She is the president and chief administrative officer of Ampco-Pittsburgh Corp. **Brian Lynch** LAW '87 is the chief financial officer, senior vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary of Callaway Golf Company, a sporting goods company headquartered in Carlsbad, Calif. **Steven Markenson** A&S '87 oversees research at the Food Marketing Institute in Arlington, Va. He is a market research executive with expertise in quantitative and qualitative market research across a range of industries.

1988

Janis Burley Wilson A&S '88 is the new chief executive officer and president of the August Wilson Center for African American Culture in Pittsburgh.

1989

Sheila Alexander NURS '89, '04G was selected as a winner in the Nursing Research category of the Nightingale Awards of Pennsylvania. The recognition honors exceptional nurses practicing in the Commonwealth. She is an associate professor of acute and tertiary care in Pitt's School of Nursing.

1990

Constance Sayers UPG '90 cofounded *Thoughtful Dog*, an online literary and lifestyle magazine, with her sister Loie Sayers. She serves as the publisher as well as the editor of the magazine's lifestyle pieces.

SCENE

IN ROME

Pitt Magazine tags along with **J.P. Blake Casher** A&S '70 on a visit to the Colosseum in Rome, Italy.

