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## **Keep Texas Beautiful creates lucrative alliance with Half Price Books** *Eight Texas communities receive landscape funds in the wake of Hurricane Ike*

(Austin, Texas) -- On March 26, Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) will be receive a \$15,000 donation from Half Price Books as part of the 'Replant Texas' grant program, a partnership between the two organizations that was created to replace trees destroyed by Hurricane Ike. More than 238,000 acres were lost or damaged due to the storm.

Thirty-four KTB community affiliates were eligible for the grants, and eight communities were awarded: Dickinson, Houston, Sugar Land, Lake Jackson, Pearland, Jasper, La Porte and Navasota. Cathie Gail, executive director of Keep Texas Beautiful, will be accepting the funds on behalf of the winning communities.

"We are delighted with the partnership with Half Price Books and their customers. Their commitment to Keep Texas Beautiful will make an impact on thousands of lives and the environment for years to come," said Cathie Gail, executive director of Keep Texas Beautiful.

The check will be presented Thursday, March 26 at 10:00 am, as part of the grand opening celebration of Half Price Books' sixth Austin-area location. In all, Texas is home to 40 Half Price Books outlets, and each location participated in the Replant Texas program, which set aside 10 cents from every sale of the store's exclusive reusable tote bag. The address is 1335 Whitestone Blvd., Cedar Park, Texas.

**Keep Texas Beautiful**, a statewide grassroots environmental and community improvement nonprofit, strives to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment. KTB and its more than 360 affiliates work with government, businesses, civic groups and volunteers to ensure that every Texan has the opportunity to make Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation. For more information on programs and events, call 1-800-CLEAN-TX or visit [www.ktb.org](http://www.ktb.org).

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