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The Binc Foundation expands financial assistance program to include Homelessness Prevention and Funeral Expenses

Ann Arbor, MI - The Binc Foundation announced today the expansion of their financial assistance program to include two new categories based on the requests of booksellers from a recent book industry survey. The new categories, homelessness prevention and funeral expenses, will allow the Binc Foundation to serve a greater number of booksellers in need of financial assistance.

Homelessness/eviction prevention grants are intended to provide or maintain permanent shelter for a bookseller. A bookseller who is currently homeless or facing imminent eviction from their residence can apply and if approved the grant can be used for security deposits, deposits for essential utilities or application fees. Binc understands that swift actions may be necessary to help prevent homelessness and requests will be reviewed quickly and confidentially.

Grants for funeral expenses have also been added to the Binc Foundation's financial assistance program. The cost of a funeral and burial may cause an immediate financial emergency when a bookseller does not have the resources to cover the costs. The Foundation will offer grants to pay for the basic funeral and burial expenses of an immediate family member (spouse, same-sex domestic partner, child, stepchild, mother, father or the bookseller themselves).

For more information and details on how to apply for a Homelessness Prevention or Funeral Expenses grant, a bookseller should visit Binc's Financial Assistance page or call the Foundation at (866) 733-9064.

About The Book Industry Charitable (Binc) Foundation

The Book Industry Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that coordinates charitable programs to strengthen the bookselling community. Established in 1996, the core program provides assistance to bookstore employees who have a demonstrated financial need arising from severe hardship and/or emergency circumstances. Since its inception, the organization has provided over \$5.2 million in financial assistance and scholarships to more than 6,900 families. Support for the Foundation's programs and services come from all sectors of the book industry.

The Book Industry Charitable Foundation's mission is to strengthen the bookselling community through charitable programs that support employees and their families. The Foundation was imagined and built by booksellers and proudly continues to be their safety net. It is our vision to be a caring community of book people.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.bincfoundation.org>.

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