

Bucket Fill-osophy 101™

Words of Wisdom to Keep Your Bucket Filled

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Eight is Great!

Dear Fellow Bucket Filler,

We are celebrating this week! It was eight years ago that our first book, *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?*, was published. It's also being published this month in Chinese simplified, the eighth different language release.

Eight years and over one million books later, I still shake my head because I never intended to write a children's book. In fact, writing a book was not even on my "bucket list." I wrote merely to share a wonderful model of behavior that I had used with great success in early childhood programs.

Back in 2006, when I was considering the investment of time, energy and money it would take to publish the book, I came across an article that cautioned, "only one to two percent of self-published books sell more than 3,000 copies." Regardless of these statistics, I believed so much in bucket filling that I jumped in and took the risk. I saw the need for this message to reach children, both in school and at home. With the grace of God, the right people quickly arrived on the scene. Within the first year, 30,000 books had been published, our in-house staff was busy filling orders, and a small team of presenters were visiting schools and businesses all around the country.

As impressive as that early success was, it doesn't compare with the extraordinary results that we continue to see in bucketfilling schools, families, workplaces, and communities. Schools that embrace bucket filling are experiencing significant increases in positivity and equally significant decreases in negativity, including bullying. Workplaces become more positive and more focused on kindness and teamwork. Communities are coming together, happier and showing more kindness to each other.

The bucketfilling concept works because it helps all people of all ages understand that they are responsible for their own happiness. When they learn to be proactive about expressing goodwill, think before they speak to avoid dipping, and refuse to allow anyone to limit their joy by learning how and when to use their lids, they will discover the true happiness of a bucketfilling life.

Wishing you a bucketfilling summer,
Carol McCloud, The Bucket Lady

Help us celebrate! For the whole summer (June through August), you can purchase all our hard cover titles at the soft cover price! Order online at www.shop.bucketfillers101.com.

Our Bucket Filler of the Week*

Lisa Hansen of Farmington, MN

*E-newsletter winners are randomly selected to win a free copy of our latest book, "Bucket Filling from A to Z!"

Bucketfilling Showcase



This week's picture is from **Arnett C. Lines Elementary School in Barrington, Illinois**. Each student and staff member of their school wrote their name on this banner, declaring that they are each a bucket filler!

We invite you to showcase your organization's bucket filling in our worldwide e-newsletter. Email a picture of your bucketfilling bulletin board, mural or other artwork to info@bucketfillers101.com.