

*Help for those who fall through the cracks  
in the system.*

## WHO IS HELPED BY OUR PROGRAM?

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The Read a Good Story, Do a Good Deed program is intended to help **people who need temporary financial assistance** for problems not covered by insurance or government programs.

Some examples:

- 1. Insurance co-payments** when medical bills are so high that the 20% co-payment may be thousands of dollars.
- 2. Replacing personal possessions** after a fire, flood or other disaster. Insurance may cover house and furnishings, but what else?
- 3. Pets** who are lost or injured in a disaster--they don't have insurance.
- 4. Abused or abandoned wives.** Frequently they are left without income and no place to go except dangerous shelters or life in a car..
- 5. Any situation requiring temporary financial assistance** for which normal insurance and government programs do not provide.

SimeCenter also helps 'human-centered' organizations, especially those created to assist writers and artists.



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# READ A GOOD STORY

# DO A GOOD DEED

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***Sime~Gen™ Inc.***  
***presents***

**An easy, pleasant way for  
readers and writers to  
help people in need.**

## WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

*The "Read a Good Story, Do a Good Deed"(aka SimeCenter) area of simegen.com provides help to people undergoing a short-term financial emergency. We inaugurated it in September 2000, because good friends who had devoted endless hours to helping others for many years suddenly needed help. We came up with a method that allows you to help them, and in return, get something you will enjoy.*

*SimeCenter moved into a new phase after the tragic events of September 11th 2001: we asked our authors and artists to sponsor charities actively involved in "911" recovery efforts.*

*Currently, SimeCenter seeks donations to aid victims of last year's devastating natural disasters.*

## HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

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- 1) Visit the site:  
<<http://www.simegen.com/simecenter/>>
- 2) Choose a story or artwork that sponsors have donated on the recipient's behalf.
  - a) Click the recipient organization's logo to visit their website and see what they do.
  - b) Click the name of the story or artwork to access the downloadable copy.
- 3) When you download one of our files, we ask you to donate directly to the recipient: \$2 per story or piece of art.
  - a) You can donate via PayPal, for recipients who accept donations in this form. If you do not have a PayPal account, click the link to set one up. PayPal is a very useful, very secure, international service.

b) You can also write a check or money order made out to the recipient of your choice and mail it directly. (The mailing address is given on the page where the downloadable story/art file is located... Please write 'SimeCenter' in the memo section of the check.)

**All donations go directly to the recipients.** Nothing goes to the authors or artists who are donating their work, or to Sime~Gen, Inc., which is hosting this site.

We are trusting you to pay. As Stephen King says, "No robbing the blind newsboy."

*The stories and artwork themselves are complete, professional, edited work. We can't guarantee that you will like the stories or art--that's a matter of taste, after all--but we do guarantee that you are getting quality creative work.*

## HOW DO I KNOW RECIPIENTS ARE LEGIT?

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Recipients must be sponsored by authors or artists who donate their creative work on the recipient's behalf.

All (individual and family) recipients are formally confirmed by:

**Corporate Security Consulting, Inc.  
P.O. Box 26726  
Elkins Park, PA 19027-2902**

All recipient organizations are confirmed via one or more on-line charity evaluators.

For further information, visit the site:  
<<http://www.simegen.com/simecenter/>>.

## HOW DO I KNOW I WILL GET PROFESSIONAL STORIES OR ART?

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All authors and artists are professional members of writers' or artists' organizations such as the Author's Guild, SFWA, EPIC, or the Graphic Artists' Guild.

Some of our Artists:

Michael Cox	Tracey Palmer
Geoffrey Chew	Valerie Hardin
Celia Ann Leaman *	

Some of our Authors:

Jayge Carr	Ed Murphy
Jean Lorra	E. L. Noel
Jacqueline Lichtenberg	A.L. Sirois *
Lois June Wickstrom	Stephanie Burke *
Joyce & Jim Lavene	Cory Doctorow
Ardath Mayhar	Jim Kelly

\* These amazing people have donated *both* as authors and as artists.

## HOW DO I RECOMMEND A RECIPIENT?

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If you know someone whose temporary financial problems are not covered by insurance or government programs, first **ask** that person or family for permission, then **contact** us via EMail at:  
**charities@simegen.com**

## HOW DO I DONATE STORIES OR ARTWORK?

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If you are a professional writer or artist, and would like to support one of our recipients, please write to us:  
**charities@simegen.com**