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Recorded Books and Califone® International Announce “2006 Stone Audio-Enhanced Classroom Grant” Recipients

Prince Frederick, MD, and San Fernando, CA -- August 23, 2006 – Recorded Books, the world’s premier publisher of unabridged audiobooks since 1979 and a Hights Cross Communications company, and Califone International, Inc., a leader in the design, development, and manufacturing of audiovisual and supplemental curriculum products, have announced the five recipients of the 2006 Stone Audio-Enhanced Classroom Kit Awards.

The grant recipients are:

- Bayshore High School, Bradenton, Florida
Submitted by Caroline Jamroz and Marcia Hill
- Buffalo Prairie Middle School, Buffalo, Missouri
Submitted by Phoebe Powers and Goldie Potter
- East Side Community High School, New York, New York
Submitted by Andrea Swenson
- Northview High School, Covina, California
Submitted by Hillary Wolfe
- Pauline Jones Elementary School, Fayetteville, North Carolina
Submitted by Sylvia Caldwell

“Recorded Books is delighted to join Califone to recognize schools that are taking innovative approaches to literacy development. The quality of the applications was outstanding. Every application could have been a winner,” said Scott Williams, Vice President of Recorded Books. “We’re proud to partner with these schools and believe there are numerous best-practices to be learned from which schools across the country can benefit,” said Tim Ridgway, Vice President of Califone.

The Stone Audio-Enhanced Classroom Grants are given directly to educators to support their work in literacy development through the use of unabridged audiobooks and state-of-the-art playback equipment. Grant applications are accepted from any current teacher or administrator in an accredited K-12 school within the United States

Each Audio-Enhanced Classroom Kit contains the following:

- A [Califone Performer Plus CD/Cassette/Radio](#) with remote control for whole-class novel study.
- Two [Califone CD Learning Centers](#), each with four stereo headphones and a miniature stereo jackbox with individual volume controls.
- [Califone Personal CD Players](#) with stereo headphones for individual listen-and-read practice for up to 30 students.
- A Recorded Books Drawstring Book Pack to hold students' CD, print book, and CD player for up to 30 students.
- Three Audio/Print Storage Crates.
- A Recorded Books Grade-Level Collection featuring 20 recorded novels on CD with matching print versions.
- A Recorded Books Intervention Library featuring 10 high-interest recorded novels two or more grade levels below grade on CD with matching print versions

ABOUT CALIFONE: Califone was founded in 1946 and continues to be a leader in the design, development, and manufacturing of audiovisual and supplemental curriculum products for use in education, presentation, and professional markets. The company offers a complete line of audio solutions, wireless systems, and multimedia products for small, medium, and large presentation needs. *Califone* serves millions of educators and children in the PreK through higher education school environments and has expanded to serve business and industry, houses of worship, parks and recreation, and other presentation markets as well. For more information, visit www.califone.com or phone (800) 722-0500.

ABOUT RECORDED BOOKS: Recorded Books, a Hights Cross Communications company, produces and distributes unabridged audiobooks and other audio products to public and university libraries, in cassette, CD, and downloadable formats. Over 7,000 titles are available for adults, children, and young adults in English and Spanish languages narrated by professional, award-winning actors. Recorded Books also distributes music, educational lectures, independent films, and nonfiction films on DVD. Packaging is designed for high circulation. One-year warranty, cataloging, processing, and free marc records are available. For more information, visit www.recordedbooks.com.

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